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## **Achievement Academy Announces New Board Members**

**LAKELAND, FL (August 26, 2019)** – Achievement Academy is excited to announce three new board members, Jill Haladay, DPT, MPH, GCS Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center, Elizabeth Kerns, Ph.D., Elan Advisory, LLC and Trish Buchanan, Publix Super Markets, Inc.

Jill Haladay, DPT, MPH, GCS (Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center) is Chief Rehabilitation Officer at Lakeland Regional Health and Director of the Bannasch Institute for Advanced Rehabilitation Medicine, where she is leading efforts to redefine physical rehabilitation. An experienced health care leader, she has served in management roles throughout the physical rehabilitation continuum. She has also held faculty positions at both the University of South Florida and Bay State College in Boston. A physical therapist since 2000, Haladay earned a doctorate degree in physical therapy (DPT) from Temple University and a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina. She is board certified in geriatrics.

Elizabeth Kerns, Ph.D. (Elan Advisory, LLC) is a career information technology (IT) business executive/professional and passionate educator with extensive experience in numerous industries, roles and locations in the United States and overseas. After a successful and rewarding 30-year corporate IT career, culminating with a Senior Vice President position at Lakeland Regional Health, Elizabeth's heartfelt desire is to consult with and teach our next generation of business leaders. Her experiences as a consultant and professor, together with her academic degrees, professional certifications and extensive practical business/career experience, shape Elizabeth's unique profile. She is driven with passion to achieve service excellence, quality, efficiency and continuous improvement. Elizabeth's most important career achievements are where I've led multi-disciplinary teams to use technology in work processes to provide safe patient care and create exceptional and efficiently-operating workplaces.

Trish Buchanan (Publix Super Markets, Inc.) has been an Administrative Supervisor for Publix Super Markets at its Dairy Plant in Lakeland since August 2012. In this role, Trish is responsible for executing the day-to-day administrative functions of the department and plant. This includes interviewing and hiring hourly associates in all departments of the plant; maintaining associates' personnel and medical files; overseeing the weekly payroll process and ensuring its accuracy and timeliness; tracking, reporting and analyzing Human Resource (HR) related data; administering surveys and semi-annual Performance Evaluation Process for hourly associates; conducting new associate orientation; maintaining a disaster preparedness plan; and coordinating annual campaigns for United Way and March of Dimes.

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*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "**Birth to Three Program**" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families. More than half of the Birth to Three Program's budget is funded by a generous allocation from the United Way of Central Florida.*



Jill Haladay, DPT, MPH, GCS



Elizabeth Kerns, Ph.D.



Trish Buchanan