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### **Gregory Garrett Receives ACHCA's Eli Pick Leadership Award**

Greenport, NY -- The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) has honored Gregory J. Garrett, Executive Vice President and Administrator of Health Services at Peconic Landing, as a 2015 recipient of its Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. The award recognizes administrators whose teams have achieved “dimensions of organizational quality that few others have been able to reach,” according to the college. The recognition is named in memory of a visionary college member, Eli Pick. Garrett is one of 257 administrators to be recognized nationally.

The award is based on a candidate’s volunteerism and leadership record, as well as three years of data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency tasked with setting and enforcing standards for nursing homes. Under Garrett’s direction, The Shores at Peconic Landing has maintained a five-star quality rating – the highest possible rating – for the past 20 consecutive quarters. It is a task that is becoming more challenging as the federal agency is working to strengthen its nursing home evaluation program.

CMS evaluates data on nearly 16,000 nursing homes across the country each year, gauging health and safety standards, nurse staffing and care times, as well as the quality of care patients receive during a stay at each organization.

“Gregory Garrett joined the Peconic Landing team in 2006, quickly defining himself as a leader within the organization,” said Robert J. Syron, President and Chief Executive Officer of Peconic Landing. “He puts resident health and satisfaction first and is always looking for new and innovative ways to improve the resident experience.”

Marianna Grachek, President and Chief Executive Officer of the ACHCA said the organization firmly believes that long-term care facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence.

“Advancing leadership excellence is at the core of our mission,” Grachek said. “There is a close relationship between facility leadership and quality outcomes.”

Founded in 1962, the ACHCA is the only professional association devoted to meeting the professional needs of today’s aging services leaders. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care. For more information about ACHCA, contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit [www.achca.org](http://www.achca.org).

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Peconic Landing is an innovative, not-for-profit CCAC-CARF-accredited continuing care retirement community (CCRC) located on the waterfront in Greenport, N.Y., on the North Fork of Long Island. Among its long list of achievements, Peconic Landing is the only equity-based LifeCare community in the state of New York. It is a member of LeadingAge and LeadingAge New York and embraces a healthy, active lifestyle infused with a sense of exploration, creativity and generosity of spirit.