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RUSH HSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES
PAUL KEMPINSKI AS 2021 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

CHICAGO, March 22, 2021 – The HSM Alumni Association Leadership is pleased to announce that Paul Kempinski, MS, FACHE, will receive its 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award. The Award was established to recognize excellence, creativity, and initiative in the profession, as well as dedication to serving the community to improve quality of life. It is bestowed annually to an alum whose work and career stand out as a model of high standards for aspiring health care managers.

Kempinski received his Bachelor of Science in Health Planning and Administration from Penn State University in 1982, and went on to complete his Master of Science in Health Systems Management degree at Rush University in 1984. Since that time, he has held a variety of leadership roles at organizations including Rush University Medical Center in Chicago; ViaHealth in Rochester New York; Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Nemours Children’s Health System in Wilmington, Delaware. Kempinski currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Children’s Mercy, Kansas City where he also holds the inaugural Katherine and Alice Berry Endowed Chair in Executive Leadership. Throughout his professional career, he has been a dedicated supporter of the HSM program, generously giving of his time to support the success of future healthcare leaders.

Among his many professional and civic roles, Kempinski is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a former Chair of the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, and a member of the Board of Directors for the YMCA of Greater Brandywine. He currently serves on the boards of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Ronald McDonald House of Kansas City, and KC Common Good, and is a member of the Kansas City Civic Council. He served on

the Advisory Board of the Penn State University Undergraduate Program in Health Policy and Administration, and in 2018 was recognized with the Alumni Fellow award at Penn State. Paul frequently presents at national meetings and conferences on healthcare issues.

Kempinski will be accepting his award during the HSM program's annual meeting and reception on March 23, 2021.

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ABOUT RUSH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Established in 1979, the Rush University MS-HSM program prepares graduates for careers of progressively greater leadership responsibility in equitably improving health. Through its unique practitioner-teacher model, the program has become nationally recognized for excellence in practice-based learning, and is currently ranked #5 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. In addition to traditional full-time courses of study, the program is launching an executive track which can be completed while continuing to work full-time. Visit www.rushu.rush.edu/hsm for more information.