



Emerging Leaders Summit

The next generation of healthcare.

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026 | NJHA Conference Center, Princeton

Agenda

8:15 - 9:00 REGISTRATION & PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

9:00 - 9:15 WELCOME

- Cathy Bennett, President & CEO, NJHA

9:15 - 10:30 FORGING YOUR PATH IN HEALTHCARE

Our panelists will discuss their career trajectories, highlighting their paths into health policy, advocacy and healthcare administration. They will share perspectives on “following your compass” and offer insights on openness, adaptability and effective communication.

Panelists:

- Sister Patricia Codey, SC, Esq., President, Catholic HealthCare Partnership of NJ
- Sam Bayoumy, P.T., MBA, President, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation

10:30 - 11:00 BREAK & PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

11:00 - 12:00 EXECUTIVE INSIGHTS

Every day presents opportunities to lead, and each one can be a stepping-stone from peer to leader. Hear transformation stories from leaders who seized these moments by showing up, staying curious and following opportunities into their current roles. They will also discuss how they are navigating the seismic changes and challenges in healthcare today, guiding their organizations through uncertainty while envisioning and preparing for a healthier future.

Panelists:

- Jim Andrews, MHL, President & CEO, Deborah Heart and Lung Center
- David May, MD, MBA, FACS, CPHQ, Vice President and Chief Quality & Safety Officer, Jefferson Health East

12:00 - 12:30 NETWORKING LUNCH

12:30 - 1:15 COMMUNICATIONS & INFLUENCE

Learn how social media shapes your digital footprint and why it matters for your professional reputation, job prospects, personal security, and how others perceive your character and credibility. This session will explore how consciously curating your online presence is essential for career growth.

Speaker:

- Karen Kessler, President & CEO, Kessler PR Group

1:15 - 1:30 BREAK

1:30 - 2:00 NJHA ANNUAL MEETING

2:00 - 3:30 CHAIR'S RECEPTION