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BANA YAHNKE EARNS CERTIFIED ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE CREDENTIAL

Washington, DC – The American Society of Association Executives has announced that Bana Yahnke, Director of Marketing & Membership of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAETM) credential. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Less than five percent of all association professionals have earned the CAE.

To be designated as a Certified Association Executive, an applicant must have a minimum of three years experience in nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 75 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must undertake ongoing professional development and activities in association and nonprofit management. More than 3,500 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential, which was first awarded in 1961.

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