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## **ASAE Announces 127 Professionals Earned CAE Credential**

**WASHINGTON, DC** — One hundred and twenty-seven association executives recently earned their Certified Association Executive (CAE<sup>®</sup>) credential from the CAE Commission of ASAE, joining more than 4,500 industry leaders around the globe.

The Winter 2023 class of CAEs successfully completed the CAE examination administered worldwide December 1-14, 2023. They will be honored, along with the May 2024 class of CAEs, during the 2024 ASAE Annual Meeting & Exposition in Cleveland, OH, August 10-12. A full list of the Winter 2023 class, which includes a growing contingent of global association professionals, is at the end of the release.

“Congratulations to the new class of CAEs! You are now part of our CAE community of dedicated professionals who have demonstrated knowledge, experience, and skills that are essential in association management. By earning your CAE credential, your expertise will make a significant impact in association management that will benefit individuals, communities, and industries at the national, state, and local levels”, said Juan Amador, FASAE, CAE, Chair of the CAE Commission and Executive Director of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS).

The CAE Program elevates professional standards, enhances individual performance, and designates those who have acquired and demonstrated the knowledge essential to the practice of association management. The CAE Program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

For more details about the CAE, visit [asaecenter.org/cae](http://asaecenter.org/cae).

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### **About ASAE**

ASAE is a membership organization of more than 48,000 association executives and industry partners representing 7,400 organizations. Since it was established 100 years ago, its members have and continue to lead, manage, and work in or partner with organizations in more than a dozen association management disciplines, from executive management to finance to technology. With the support of the ASAE Research Foundation, a separate nonprofit entity, ASAE is the premier source of learning, knowledge, and future-oriented research for the association and nonprofit profession and provides resources, education, ideas, and advocacy to enhance the power and performance of the association and nonprofit community. Visit ASAE at [www.asaecenter.org](http://www.asaecenter.org).

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