

Todd Bellistri Earns Chartered Healthcare Consultant (ChHC™) Designation

Huntington, NY – October 17, 2011- Todd Bellistri, President and CEO of August Benefits, Inc., has earned the **Chartered Healthcare Consultant (ChHC)** professional designation from The American College, Bryn Mawr, PA.

Candidates for the ChHC™ designation must complete a minimum of six courses and 12 hours of proctored examinations. They must also fulfill stringent experience and ethics requirements.

The ChHC™ program is considered the most comprehensive credential available for benefits specialists, healthcare consultants, and financial advisors interested in effectively providing clients with cutting-edge information. The curriculum provides professionals with an in-depth understanding of the latest reforms in healthcare mandated by recent legislation.

Once the program is completed, a Chartered Healthcare Consultant (ChHC) can provide expert advice on a broad range of health insurance related topics including state exchanges; medical loss ratios; Early Retiree Reinsurance Programs (ERRPs); Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs); Health Savings Accounts (HSAs); Cafeteria Plans; and more.

Mr. Bellistri specializes in working with corporate and executive clients. A frequent lecturer on employee benefit programs, he has presented at various national and regional business & accounting organizations, and has been quoted in numerous publications, including the NY State CPA Society's *Trusted Professional*. He holds the professional designations of **Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Registered Employee Benefits Consultant (REBC), Certified COBRA Administrator** and has received formal training in investment fiduciary responsibility earning the **Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®)** professional designation, awarded by the **Center for Fiduciary Studies**, which is associated with the **University of Pittsburgh's Center for Executive Education**. As the host of the online radio show, **Long Island Local Leaders**, he interviews business owners and executives on current trends, opportunities and challenges.

The American College is the nation's largest non-profit educational institution devoted to financial services. Holding the highest level of academic accreditation, The College has served as a valued business partner to banks, brokerage firms, insurance companies and others for over 84 years. The American College's faculty represents some of the financial services industry's foremost thought leaders.