

Jay Dennard, FACHE, FHFMA, CPXP, a native of Middle Georgia, serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Northside Hospital Duluth's campus as well as Vice President of Physician Services for Northside Gwinnett & Duluth. He has served in several health systems holding various senior executive positions of progressing authority and scope of responsibility. Jay earned his BBA in Management from Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia, his MSA in Public Administration from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia, and his Master of Health Administration and his Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

A Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a Fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, Jay is also a Certified Patient Experience Professional. Believing that for much is given, much is expected, Jay serves or has served on various civic, community, and professional organization Boards such as Gwinnett Chamber Board of Directors, Partnership Gwinnett, Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives, Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia, United Way, Rotary Club of Duluth, Georgia Gwinnett College Board of Trustees, Georgia Gwinnett College Strategic Committee Chair, Annandale Village (served as Chair of the Governance Committee), Rainbow Village Campaign Committee and Leadership Gwinnett. In addition, Jay is past State of Georgia Regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Georgia State University Institute of Health Administration Board. He has been awarded the Scott Hudgens Distinguished Citizen Award and was the Volunteer Services Recipient at the Gwinnett Chamber Healthcare Awards.

Jay has spoken regionally and nationally on subjects ranging from The Impact of Reform on Medicare/Medicaid to Workforce Retention Strategies, Leadership Development, and Organizational Culture.

A native of Perry, Georgia, Jay and his wife Margaret live in Duluth, Georgia, with their two sons, Trey and Will.