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News from the Health Information Management Programs

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Rose Goeden Leaving DSU

Rose Goeden, who has been an instructor for the DSU HIM Programs since the Fall of 1996, is leaving DSU to pursue other career opportunities. While at DSU she taught a number of HIM courses as well as courses for the College of Business and Information Systems in addition to serving as an advisor for students and assisting with various committees and projects. In the Spring 2008 semester, she became an adjunct instructor, teaching only one distance course for DSU.

Rose was recognized as one of the pioneers in DSU's distance education program and was recently honored with a Distance Education Faculty award for her online HIM 130 Medical Terminology class.

We extend our best wishes to Rose!

Research Presentations

Matt Wills, a student in the health information systems track of the graduate degree program completed research supported by DSU's Student Research Initiative program. His research examining healthcare professionals acceptance of electronic medical records incorporated an online survey of nurse practitioners and nurses. A poster presentation regarding his research project was included in the Poster Session at the State Capitol during the SD legislative session in February and displayed on the DSU campus. Matt also made a presentation at the Center of Excellence Spring Symposium in April. Dorine Bennett of the HIM Programs provided assistance to Matt and was a co-author of a paper regarding the research for the publication "Issues in Information Systems", and they have been invited to present at the conference in Savannah, Georgia, in October.

DSU Alumni Return to Campus as Adjunct Teachers

Three alumni of the HIM Programs returned to campus during the Spring 2008 semester to serve as adjunct instructors. Jamie Husher, RHIA ('01) taught HIM 170 Legal Aspects of HIM, Laurie Ness, RHIA ('96) taught HIM 262 CPT/HCPCS Coding System, and Teresa Simons ('03) taught HIM 260 Fundamentals of Human Disease. They joined Rose Goeden ('96) who taught HIM 130 as an adjunct instructor as well.

These instructors provided quality teaching while at the same time offering a non-academic perspective to the classroom. We are appreciative of their willingness to share their expertise and knowledge with the students.

HIPS Week



The HIM Club sponsored a poster contest to celebrate Health Information Privacy and Security (HIPS) Week, which was April 13th-19th, 2008.

This was an awareness event which assures our communities that professionals in the health information management field take extraordinary measures to put health information in the right hands and keep it there. This year's theme for the week was "CONFIDENTIAL IS ESSENTIAL--Protect Health Information". More information on HIPS Week can be found at <http://www.ahima.org/hipsweek>.

HIM Club on the Road in Spring

The students of the Health Information Management Club spent some time on the road this Spring, assisting with medical record projects at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell and a Sanford Clinic in Sioux Falls. These "win-win" activities gave the students some valuable experience and helped the facilities with work that needed to be done. The HIM Club also traveled in April to Omaha to tour at the Adventist Lakeside Hospital where electronic health records are in full usage. They enjoyed seeing the technology and learning more about it's effects on the HIM Department.

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Recruitment Efforts Continue

Recruitment of students is an ongoing effort for the health information management programs. In the Spring semester, Dorine Bennett attended workshops sponsored by the SD Healthcare Workforce Center to learn more about resources for educating K-12 students about healthcare careers and hosting healthcare career camps for high school students. Information from these sessions was shared with the faculty and Advisory Board and all were encouraged to assist with recruiting in their area. The HIM Programs will be presenting information at the Healthcare Careers Camps sponsored by SDSU and USD in the Summer and offers were made to assist with career camps in the Black Hills, Aberdeen and Sisseton areas.

The Iowa Health Information Management Association invited us to share information about our distance programs at their Spring meeting in Des Moines, so Joyce Havlik and Dorine Bennett made a presentation there.

Fellowship Review Committee

Dorine Bennett will be chairing the Fellowship Review Committee for the American Health Information Management Association in 2008, after being a member of the committee during 2007. This committee is charged with reviewing applications to award fellowship status to deserving AHIMA members who have made significant contributions to the HIM profession.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to DSU alumni who recently were honored with awards from their state health information management associations. Jane Schumacher ('97) was awarded Montana's Distinguished Member Award and Kyle Tucker ('90) received Colorado's Volunteer Award. We're proud to say they were DSU students...way to go!!

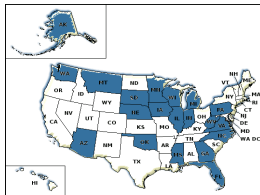
Professional Development

The faculty and staff of the HIM Programs took advantage of a number of professional development activities in Spring. Some of the workshops attended included performance improvement or motivational topics such as How to Deal with Difficult Coworkers, How Full is Your Bucket, Who's on the Team, Gone Fishing Lately? and others included topics such as informatics, service learning, and health information management topics relevant to course instruction.

Student Statistics

Enrollment statistics for Spring 2008 include 49 health information administration students, 31 health information technology students, and 6 coding certificate students; of these students, 44 are South Dakota residents and our distance students are in 20 different states, including South Dakota. (States in color on the graphic have our students.)

Two students went through the HIA Admission Process in Spring 2008, and the May/August graduates include eight HIT students (seven in South Dakota and one in Mississippi) and three HIA students (one in South Dakota, one in Oklahoma, and one in Minnesota).



Blood Drive Milestone Recognized

The community blood donated prizes to be given to some of the donors during the Spring blood drive to congratulate the HIM Club on their efforts in sponsoring blood drives on the DSU campus each semester. During the Spring blood drive, the milestone of 1000 units donated was reached!

Congratulations to HIM Club Officers

Elections for new HIM Club officers were held in April. Congratulations to Sarah Keppen (President), Alissa Scholten (Vice President), Roxanna Williams (Treasurer), Rachel Berens (Secretary), Donelle McClaren (Historian) and Katie Coy (Fundraising Chair). Good luck on a great year in 2008-2009! Check out <http://www.clubs.dsu.edu/him> for more information.

Health Science Career Clusters

Dorine Bennett is representing DSU on a Department of Health project to review the Health Science Career Cluster for Career Technical Education (CTE) courses for grades 9-12 to ensure that national healthcare foundation standards and accountability criteria are met. Currently the task force is looking at courses related to medical terminology, health careers or health occupations, and health career internships.

DOH Projects

DSU has been contracted by the Department of Health to facilitate the SD eHealth Collaborative, a stakeholder group whose mission is to collaboratively develop a long range plan and facilitate the implementation of interoperable information technology to drive improvement in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare in South Dakota. Joyce Havlik is facilitating a Provider and Payer Data Consensus Workgroup to identify a method of data exchange to facilitate the provision of healthcare, and Dorine Bennett is facilitating a Patient and Provider Education and Outreach Workgroup to examine the educational and outreach efforts necessary to move SD forward toward electronic health record usage and electronic health information exchange. We also have DSU faculty members facilitating the legal and technical issues workgroups. The SD eHealth Collaborative group has submitted an application for a national Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Demonstration Project related to electronic health record use by physicians. This project will provide Medicare reimbursement incentives to physicians utilizing electronic health records.

The second annual Health Information Technology (HIT) Summit will be held October 7-8, 2008 in Sioux Falls and the SD eHealth Collaborative Workgroups will be reporting there on their recommendations.

South Dakota is also one of the states that received a grant from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) for a Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) project. Dakota State University is the contractor for the Department of Health to work on this project. We will be working with Iowa, New Jersey, North Carolina, Alaska, Guam, and Puerto Rico to develop model inter-organizational agreements (IOA) for health data exchange. South Dakota and Iowa will pilot the agreements by exchanging immunization data between the public health departments. These inter-organizational agreements will be shared to be used as templates by other states.