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News from the Health Information Management Programs

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HIM Program Director is Presenter at Symposium

Dorine Bennett, Associate Professor and Director of DSU's Health Information Management Programs, has been invited to present at the American Health Information Management Association Assembly on Education Summer Symposium. She will be speaking on "Designing the HIM Curriculum". The Symposium will be held in Nashville, TN in June 2001 with HIM educators from across the nation in attendance.

HIM Faculty Active in State Professional Group

- SDHIMA President: Joyce Havlik
- SDHIMA Chair of Outpatient Definition Task Force: Rose Goeden
- SDHIMA Chair of Marketing and Recruitment Committee: Dorine Bennett
- Editors of SDHIMA Newsletter: Rose Goeden and Dorine Bennett
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Successful Institutional Program Review

On April 23rd and 24th, the HIM Programs hosted Bob Garrie, Director of Accreditation and Education of the American Health Information Management Association, as part of their institutional program review. The SD Board of Regents require periodic review of all programs at the state universities. These reviews involve preparation of self-study documentation and a visit from one or more external reviewers. During Mr. Garrie's visit to DSU, he met with students, faculty, staff and HIM professionals to gather information used in evaluating the HIM Programs. Mr. Garrie

was very positive in his comments during the visit, stating that the HIM Programs were very strong in the information technology curriculum and well placed within the College of Business and Information Systems.



Bob Garrie, of AHIMA, Chicago, IL

AHIMA Audioconferences Hosted at DSU

During the Spring semester, Dakota State University hosted two educational sessions sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association, with faculty, students and HIM professionals from the region in attendance. These audioconferences provided the most current information on topics vital to the health information man-

agement field. The topic of the April 5th audioconference dealing with healthcare billing was "The Chargemaster" and on April 26th, participants learned about "Healthcare Reimbursement Methods". Speakers for both audioconferences were nationally recognized experts in the HIM field.

2001 Graduates

B.S. in Health Information Administration:

- Melissa Bruinsma
- Sara Dreyer
- Jamie Erpenbach

A.S. in Health Information Technology:

- Nicki Noyes

These students have 100% Placement in HIM positions before graduation!

Summer Grant Applications Submitted
HIM faculty members have submitted applications for Distance Education summer grants to work on continued development of coursework for distance delivery. These grants have been used very successfully in the past.

Technology Fellow Redesigns Website

In the Fall of 2000, the HIM Programs were successful in the application to receive a technology fellow to assist with a project to redesign the HIM webpages. Chris Thames, a DSU Center of Excellence student majoring in information systems and e-commerce, has been working during this academic year on making the website more interactive and attractive.

HIM Program Faculty and Students Attend Professional Meetings

Faculty and students attended the American Health Information Management Association's Winter Team Talks at the Sheraton Convention Center in Sioux Falls, SD on March 15, 2001. These annual events are hosted by AHIMA at locations across the United States to allow association members the opportunity to communicate closely with representatives of the national leadership. AHIMA Chief Executive Officer, Linda Kloss, and AHIMA President Elect, Barbara Wesley-Oddem were in attendance at the

regional meeting in Sioux Falls. Participants were present from SD, Iowa, and Minnesota. This was the first time the Winter Team Talks have been held in South Dakota and we were proud to be a part of the event.

In addition, the South Dakota Health Information Management Association held it's annual Spring meeting in conjunction with this national meeting on March 14th. The students and faculty attended educational presentations from the USD School of Medicine, the SD

Association of Healthcare Organizations, the SD Department of Health, Sioux Valley Hospital and USD Medical Center, and others. These sessions provide the HIM professionals continuing education opportunities that are necessary in order to maintain certification as a Registered Health Information Administrator or a Registered Health Information Technician.

During the evening between the two events, SDHIMA hosted a social — we enjoyed lots of singing, dancing, food and fun!

HIM Club Banquet Celebrates Student Successes

On Thursday, April 26th all students, faculty, and staff of the Health Information Management Programs were invited to join in the HIM Club's annual end-of-the-year banquet. At this event, the leadership of the HIM Club is recognized and various award recipients are congratulated. The graduates from the HIM Programs receive special attention, including a commemorative DSU gift for each. Over \$400 of awards were presented to HIM Club members for their participation in the

variety of events the club sponsors. A cash award was presented to a HIM student who provided recruitment efforts at area schools as part of the "Each One Reach One" program. Wayne Pauli, an instructor at DSU, was invited by the students to share thoughts and comments to the students as they begin their careers after graduation or look forward to continuing their education.



"You have to live life with a song in your heart and a smile on your face."

Supervised Professional Practices are Set!

There are several students who will be completing supervised professional practice experiences in health care facilities during the Summer semester. They will be in a variety of settings — hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, cancer registries, and more. The sites utilized are mainly in South Dakota, although students will also be in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Washington, and Arizona.

Students Complete Projects at Area Facilities

Some of Dakota State's health information management students volunteered their services for two different projects to help area health care facilities. The first project consisted of purging old records at an area hospital. Thousands of old folders were taken off



the shelves, making room for new activity! For the second project the students visited an area clinic and helped to transfer medical records from old and torn folders into new folders. In return for

the student's help the facilities made donations to the HIM Club. These donations will be useful for future activities that the club plans.

(Article submitted by Lynn Breiter, HIM Club)

HIM Club information is available at www.clubs.dsu.edu/him

The HIM Programs Advisory Board will be meeting in Madison on May 10th. The Advisory Board, which meets at least two times each year, is comprised of a variety of representatives from health care facilities and educational settings. Their function is to review and advise the HIM Programs. The information, comments, and suggestions from board members is used to keep HIM curriculum current and relevant.