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From the President's Pen

Dear Alabama HIMSS Members,

As healthcare professionals we are faced with challenging but exciting times. Today's healthcare institutions are under tremendous pressure to significantly reduce, and even eliminate, medical errors. The implementation of automated solutions supporting safety initiatives is not only a technically challenging, but an intensely political process. In addition, hospitals and other providers continue to deal with fiscal pressures due to significant increases in regulation, and the ever-increasing cost of providing quality patient care. Provider organizations look toward the vendor community to find partners to help meet these challenges. Relationships between provider organizations and their chosen vendors become more and more crucial as the success of each independent organization is inherently linked to their chosen partners. Industry leadership demands that information technology professionals within provider organizations, along with their vendor counterparts, implement innovative, cost-effective solutions which seamlessly integrate into the day-to-day operations of the organization at record breaking speed.

Our goal at Alabama HIMSS is to provide an excellent source of educational and networking opportunities to help meet today's challenges. And best of all, we want to offer these opportunities close to home. We are very excited about our upcoming fall seminar, "Barriers vs. Benefits of Patient Safety Initiatives". We have an excellent slate of speakers to bring us information on medication safety, the impact of safety initiatives on medical malpractice, and news from our nation's capital regarding legislation and regulation affecting the healthcare industry. We are also excited to bring together a group of CIO's from around our state to shed light on the "real-world" impact of safety initiatives in their respective organizations, as well as sharing some of their plans for the future. We hope you will find these topics beneficial and informative. We would like to express our appreciation to our vendor sponsors. We would like to thank you for your attendance at previous meetings. Your participation in these conferences enables us to continue to bring quality speakers to our local area.

We are happy to report that our organization continues to expand its reach within the healthcare community. Clinicians, including physicians, nurses and others, bring insight into key clinical issues that our industry is facing today. We are actively pursuing continuing education credits for our seminars to add value for these members of our organization

I would like to express my appreciation to an outstanding group of professionals who have agreed to serve in the leadership of Alabama HIMSS for 2004/2005. These individuals have devoted time and talent into making this a very productive year for the organization. I would like to extend a special thanks to Randy Hester, our past president, for his continued leadership within the organization.

We are excited about working together to make this an outstanding year for the organization.

Sincerely,

Melanie Simison, President Alabama HIMSS

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Alabama HIMSS Sponsorship Packages

Diamond Package - \$1,500

- Sponsors Lunch
- Free seminar admission for 5
- Vendor display table
- Company Name on Publications
- Acknowledgement for contribution during seminar
- 15 minute presentation at the seminar

Gold Package - \$750

- Sponsors Breakfast
- Free seminar admission for 5
- Vendor display table
- Company Name on Publications
- Acknowledgement for contribution during seminar

Silver Package - \$500

- Free seminar admission for 5
- Vendor display table
- Company Name on Publications

Bronze Package - \$300

- Free seminar admission for 3 Company

Alabama HIMSS President's Award in Health Informatics

Eligibility Criteria

In order to apply for consideration, students must:

- Be currently enrolled in the 2nd year, having completed
- at least 20 hours of HI Program core courses.
- Have a satisfactory GPA – ordinarily at least 3.5 in HI core courses.
- Demonstrate high ethical standards/professional conduct.
- Be a member of Alabama HIMSS or national HIMSS.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by UAB Office of Student Financial Aid.
- Students who receive the Alabama HIMSS President's Award are eligible for consideration in subsequent years.

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The Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition is the one must-attend event in the healthcare IT industry and this year's conference is set to offer even more value. With keynotes by Christopher Reeve, Bill Clinton and Scott McNealy, 200+ education sessions, 700+ exhibitors featuring new products, cutting-edge interoperability demonstrations, a schedule packed with networking opportunities, and more, HIMSS 2005 is the only place where you can join 18,000 of your peers to find out everything that is going on in the industry, all in one place, all in four days.

Awards

HIMSS uses awards to recognize the special contributions of individuals, groups, and organizations to the advancement of the healthcare profession as encompassed by the HIMSS Mission. For more information visit <http://www.himss.org>

UAB's Health Informatics Program News

2004 Graduating Students Highlights

The graduating Students at UAB are very excited about pursuing a career in the field of information technology . Several students have been granted internships opportunities and many others will present projects on the subject of health information technology. Below are some of the project titles and internships.

Projects

Meta (Harkins) Johnson

Title:"The Successful Procurement of a Home Healthcare Information Systems Solution".

Ashok Muthukrishnan

Title:"Evaluation of Voice recognition technology on Radiologist Performance: Does it really help productivity?"

Feliciano Yu

Title:"Decision Support Systems for Quality Improvement and Workflow Coordination: The Arden Syntax for Medical Logic Systems"

Ryan Mims

Title:"Creating a Multisite Resource Request Tool for Clinical Research".

Pei-Wen Chang

Title: "Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Web System"

Jeff Milligan

Title: "TBA"

Adam Pearson

Title: "Proof of Concept: Enabling Careflow Transcription Suite via Citrix"

Linda Wilson

Title: "TBA"

Internships

Meg N. Bruck - Siemens, Baptist

Colby Poole Internship - UAB HSIS

Todd Donehoo Internship - VA, New Orleans

Ken Cranford - Cancer Registry - Public Health Dept., Montgomery, AL

Jennifer Greer Gray - N. Mississippi Medical Center

Matthew Pearson - Vanderbilt