Hello Everyone!
The Holiday season has arrived and you know what that means; time to celebrate with family and friends. It is also a good time to reflect on our accomplishments for the year and set goals for next year.

Becoming a volunteer for CHIA and IAHIA was not something I ever thought I would do. However, I am grateful for mentors and colleagues who encouraged me to volunteer.

It is exciting to be a part of an association who encourages members to get involved; therefore, I would like to encourage you to volunteer and get involved in the upcoming year. Please take the time to go the CHIA website and check out the volunteer opportunities. Your involvement in the association is an opportunity for you to experience the following: Connect with HIM peers and colleagues, expose you to innovative ideas, and provide you with meaningful ways to support the HIM community.

CHIA Website Invitation: Volunteer Opportunities
https://www.californiahia.org/volunteer
Volunteer Today & Make a World of Difference

Member involvement in volunteer roles is essential in building a strong association, one that provides optimal educational, networking, resources, and leadership opportunities for members. Volunteering with CHIA will connect you with HIM peers and colleagues, expose you to innovative ideas, and provide you with meaningful ways to support the HIM community. CHIA offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities to choose from based on the interests, the type of involvement and time commitment you are looking for. Submit a CHIA Volunteer Questionnaire to let us know of your volunteer interest. Submissions will be shared with both CHIA and CLA leaders for use in appointing volunteer roles.

As a professional association consisting of subject matter experts from a variety of different roles in health care, we have the expertise to:

- Embrace the fundamental changes affecting the HIM profession;
- Drive CHIA to be the resource that influences legislation and public policy, champions standards and facilitates best practices for information governance;
- Grow HIM member knowledge and value; and
- Engage customers, stakeholders, partners, professional peers, patients and the next generation of HIM professionals to market the relevance and value of the HIM profession.

For CHIA to maintain the EDGE, we rely on our valued members (you) who make this happen for our Association. Without you, CHIA would not be the premier association of HIM professionals in California. Get involved in CHIA leadership today!

Where do you start? If you have never volunteered for your professional association, a good place to start is to volunteer for your Component Local Association (CLA). Most of CHIA’s leaders first volunteered within their CLA, where they learned more about CHIA and CLA activities, events, leadership roles and volunteer opportunities.

CHIA Committees and Task Forces
A wide variety of volunteer opportunities to choose from based on the interests, type of involvement and time commitment you are looking for.

CLA Board of Directors
Component Local Associations provide access to local professional education, networking, leadership and volunteer opportunities.

CHIA Board and Delegate to AHIMA
Elected positions to be filled consist of CHIA President-elect, CHIA Director, and AHIMA Delegate.
OCTOBER EDUCATIONAL MEETING
RESUME BUILDING
By Rafaela Arteaga, CCS

On October 17, 2019, Kyle Pragnell, Account Executive, Scott Strappelli, National Recruitment Mgr., Nikki Richardson, Representative from Maxim Healthcare Services, sponsored the educational meeting held at Loma Linda University, Nichol Hall, Loma Linda, California. After their introduction, they presented their company by providing information of variable HIM positions and assistance to the career worker by providing insight regarding resume improvement. Some of the information provided by Maxim was making sure the resume has up-to-date certification, education list, list of achievements and making sure that the email and phone number are accurate. One key point that stood out was, making sure your resume is tailored to each job that you are applying for.

Aside from Maxim Healthcare Services, Deborah Hamada, Ed.D., MA, RHIA, Loma Linda University, School of Allied Health Profession, presented her resume building information by explaining the interview process. The need for confidence and security when walking into a job interview is important. Intimidation, unfortunately, is one key factor that might discouraged an interviewer. Always be prepared, do research into the company where the application is being submitted and prepare prior to the type of interview that will be conducted.

As the meeting came to a close, a raffle was held, provided by Maxim Healthcare Services. Winning price was a Maxim Healthcare Services Tote bag that was won by Theda Sean, coding student of Loma Linda University, School of Allied Heath Profession.

Thereafter, the White Elephant was conducted and the following winners along with their winning items were: Stephanie Miles, coding student, winner of Tea Light Candles; Adriana Preciado, BS, RHIA, winner of a porcelain “Thankful” dish; Gus Abusad, CDIP, winner of a Black Puma Cap; Thida Sean, coding student, winner of a Thanksgiving Tray; Deborah Hamada, Ed.D., MA, RHIA, winner of a cute coffee mug and table coasters; Rafaela Arteaga, CCS, winner of Starbucks Gift Card, Sephora gift set, wood candle holders; and Shannon Restifo, coding student, winner of Bath Gel/soap & Yellow Coin Purse.
CAREER BOARD

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CDI – Full time Exempt
Inland Valley Medical Center
Wildomar, CA

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Executive Search Solutions
Riverside, CA

SCHOOLING OPPORTUNITIES

Loma Linda University, School of Allied Health Professions
- Health Information Administration, Certificate & B.S. Degree
  * On-campus or Online Course
  Contact:  Pauline Calla, MBA, RHIA
  studyhiim@llu.edu

- Health Informatics, MSHI Degree
  * On-campus or Online Course
  Contact:  Braden Tabisula, MBA, RHIA, CHDA
  studyhiim@llu.edu

AHIMA Coding Basics
- Web courses
  www.ahima.org/education/onlineed/Programs

Santa Barbara Community College
The Staff HIT CIM Department
- Health Information Technology, A.S. Degree
- Cancer Information Mgmt., Certificate & A.S.
- Medical Coding Specialist Certificate
- Healthcare Data Analytics Certificate
  *Online Courses
  Contact: info@sbcc.edu

Shasta College Health Information Program
- Health Information Technology., A.S. Degree
  * Online Course
  Contact:  Steve Kim, Full-time Instructor
  skim@shastacollege.edu

- Health Information Management, B.S. Degree
  Contact:  Andrew Dowgiert, Program Dir.
  * Online Course
  adowgiert@shastacollege.edu
**EDUCATION SESSIONS**

**Time to Clear the Confusion: Attorney Misuse of Patient-Directed Record Requests and How to Cope**
*Event Date(s):* Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
*Location:* Webinar  
*Speakers:* Rita Bowen MA, RHIA, CHPS, CHPC, SSGB  
Danielle Wesley, Esq.

**FY2020 CPT Code Set Update**
*Event Date(s):* Tuesday, December 17, 2019  
*Location:* Webinar  
*Speakers:* Nancy Andersen, MS, RHIA, CCS  
Deanna Klure, RHIT, CDIP, CCS

**eHIM Operational Best Practices The Road to Health Information Integrity**
*Event Date(s):* Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
*Location:* Los Angeles, CA

**eHIM Operational Best Practices The Road to Health Information Integrity**
*Event Date(s):* Thursday, January 30, 2020  
*Location:* Sacramento, CA

**Two-Day Advanced Coding Workshop**
*Event Date:*
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 to Thursday, February 20, 2020  
*Location:* Irvine, CA  
*Speakers:* Gloryanne Bryant, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCDS  
Victoria Hernandez, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCS-P  
Lynn Kuehn, MS, RHIA, CCS-P, FAHIMA

**IAHIA JOAN ZIEGELMAYER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

The IAHIA Joan Ziegelmayer Scholarship is funded by the proceeds of the White Elephant auction held at each educational session. The number and amount of awards are determined by the IAHIA Board of Directors and available funds. Applicants are evaluated based on GPA, personal essay, and letter of recommendation.

The IAHIA Student Scholarship recognizes IAHIA Student Members and aims to help support them to complete their journey in CAHIM-accredited HIA or HIT programs and career paths.

Eligible applicants must be a student member of CHIA and a member of IAHIA or an active member of IAHIA pursuing an advanced HIM certification (CCS to RHIT, RHIT to RHIA); currently enrolled in a CAHIIM accredited HIA or HIT program; as well as a minimum GPA of 3.0 in final quarter/semester of program and submit a personal essay of 500 words, letter of recommendation from supervisor, instructor or HIM professional and an unofficial transcript.

*Scholarship application deadlines is February 18, 2020. Award recipients will be announced by mid-April 2020. The award(s) will be presented at the May 2020 IAHIA installation meeting.*
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