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News from the Health Information Management Programs

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## HIM Faculty Member Receives Award

The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized four faculty members from the state's public university system with the Faculty Recognition Awards for Excellence in E-Learning for their work in delivering quality instruction by distance. Rose Goeden, an instructor in the Health Information Management Programs, was one of those selected to be honored. She was recognized for her course in Medical Terminology. This class, HIM 130, is offered each Fall and Spring semester via the Internet.

The faculty members were presented their awards by the Board of Regents at its October 19-20 meeting on the Dakota State University campus in Madison.



Pictured is Rose Goeden with Board of Regents President Harvey Jewett.

## Graduates Encouraged to Test

Beginning in 2006, graduates who successfully take RHIT or RHIA credentialing exams within 6 months of graduation and meet specified criteria will be entered in a drawing for two \$150 awards from SDHIMA! The first drawing will be in June 2007 for May, August, and December 2006 graduates. Watch for more information at [www.sdhima.org](http://www.sdhima.org)

## DSU Alumnus Joins Faculty

Dakota State University is pleased to welcome an alumnus, Laurie Ness, to the faculty for 2006-2007. Laurie will be an adjunct instructor for two DSU HIM classes, one in the Fall semester and one in the Spring semester.

Laurie is a 1996 HIA Program graduate and has earned the credentials of Registered Health Information Management Administrator (RHIA), Certified Professional Health Information Technology (CPHIT), and Certified Professional Electronic Health Records (CPEHR). She is currently the Clinic Administrator for the Pipestone Medical Group/Avera Health and Director for the Pipestone County Medical Center/Avera Health in Pipestone, MN. Laurie also has experience as a HIM educational program director and instructor.

## SDHIMA Provides Scholarships

Each year, the South Dakota Health Information Management Association selects two students to receive scholarship moneys to assist with college costs. Dakota State University is very pleased with the support provided to the students by this professional organization. The recipients of the awards for 2006-2007 are Valerie Royal and Jennifer Schulte. Valerie, who received the \$1000 award, is a HIA student from Iroquois, SD and Jessica, who received the \$500 award is a HIT student from Vermillion. SDHIMA honored the students at the Awards Luncheon at the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organization's Fall meeting in Sioux Falls on September 21, 2006.

## TechKnowlogy Summit

Faculty members from the HIM Programs assisted with the SD TechKnowlogy Summit held in November. This conference, focused on information technology, included panel presentations from leaders in the industry as well as a tradeshow. Dorine Bennett, Director of DSU's HIM Programs, facilitated the Medical IT breakout session, with speakers representing hospitals, health systems, electronic health record vendors, and rural health clinics. Rose Goeden, HIM instructor, prepared a presentation related to health information management to be used as part of the educational sessions provided at Dakota State University's booth in the tradeshow.

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### HIM Club Contributes to Community

The DSU Health Information Management Club, a student organization, contributes to the Madison community in a number of ways. During this Fall semester, the club members participated in a Wellness Fair on October 24th on the DSU campus where they distributed information on health issues and personal health records. At the same time, the HIM Club sponsored a successful blood drive with a record 56 units donated! Earlier in the month, a number of the students spent some time outdoors cleaning up the litter from a section of Highway 19 near Lake Madison as a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program in South Dakota. Plans are underway to assist with Madison's Day with Santa event to be held in December, where club members will help children create Christmas decorations to take home. For more information on the HIM Club, visit [www.clubs.dsu.edu/him](http://www.clubs.dsu.edu/him)

Congratulations to the 2006 graduates who have already started their health information management careers! Some examples of the jobs have been as coders, HIM managers, transcriptionists!

### E-Education Scholarship Offered

DSU's Office of E-Education Services (EES) is pleased to announce that a new scholarship will be offered to distance students beginning in the 2007-2008 school year. Students taking only distance courses from DSU will be eligible for this scholarship and the award will be based on criteria such as grade point average, a goal statement written by the applicant, and a recommendation from a teacher, employer, etc. More information and application materials will be available during the Spring 2007 semester at the EES website at [www.departments.dsu.edu/disted](http://www.departments.dsu.edu/disted)

### Faculty Attend National Convention

Rose Goeden and Joyce Havlik traveled to Denver in October to attend the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) national convention. During the 3-day event, they attended a number of educational sessions related to electronic health records, privacy and security, health information management and health information exchange, regulatory issues, and more. There were also a number of networking opportunities, such as the Assembly on Education luncheon for HIM educators.

### Goeden Attains Privacy Specialty Advancement

Rose Goeden recently completed the American Health Information Management Association's Privacy Specialty Advancement Program. In order to achieve this level of expertise, she completed a number of online courses and attended the Privacy Specialty Advancement Institute held in Denver in October.

Rose was selected as a recipient of a faculty development stipend provided by the American Health Information Management Association's Foundation of Record Education (FORE) to assist with expenses related to the Institute. These stipends are intended to encourage excellence in effective teaching and leadership.

### SD Electronic Health Record Assessment

During this 2006-2007 academic year, the faculty members of the HIM Programs are very excited to be working on a project to assess the status of electronic health records and health information exchange in the state. The South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment (SDEHRA) project is funded by a grant from the SD Departments of Health, Human Services, and Social Services. The SDEHRA results will be shared with the Electronic Health Record Subcommittee of the Governor's Health Care Commission.

The project sponsored a "kickoff" conference in October with sites in Sioux Falls, Chamberlain, Rapid City and Aberdeen. The keynote address was "Improving Health Care Through Health Information Exchange", and a video of the presentation and other "kickoff" conference comments is available for public viewing at the SDEHRA website at [www.sdehra.org](http://www.sdehra.org).

Future activities of the project include collecting data through surveys and focus group meetings.

### Bennett Appointments

Dr. Cecelia Wittmayer, DSU's Vice President for Academic Affairs, appointed Dorine Bennett as a representative for the university on the Statewide Health Care Work Force Initiative work group.

Bryon Pickard, AHIMA President-Elect, selected Dorine as a member of AHIMA's Fellowship Review Committee for 2007. This group will review applications and make recommendations for professionals to be awarded AHIMA Fellowship status.