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| Southern Regional Association   | Melissa Hunter                                        |                                       |
This award shows recognition and appreciation to all clinical supervisors and contributors to HIM/HIT programs. To be eligible, individuals must have served or contributed during the academic year preceding the ILHIMA Annual Meeting.

Chicago State University
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Lisa Campbell, Physician Practice Resources
Caroline Evans, Professional Dynamic Network (PDN)
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Elaina Mejia, Park Villa
Sharon O’Brien, Fox Valley Imaging
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Ashley Owest, Advanced Family Dental
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Cindi Connors, Edward Memorial Hospital
Patty Christensen, AAMIA Health Alexa’s Brothers Medical Center
Verna Cox, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center
Ava Docka, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
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Nate Stern, Sports Community Hospital, Sparta, IL
Ariel Taylor, Allosyn Veterans Home, St. Louis, MO
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Krista Carley, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
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Maria Greiner, Dupage Medical Group
Kari Hills, Lane Children’s Hospital
Tamara James-Miller, University of Chicago Medical Center
Sandra Joe, Northwestern Community Hospital
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DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

Sandra Joe, MJ, RHIA, FAHIMA

Sandra Joe is an ILHIMA member who has made significant contributions to our association and the health information management profession by serving as an outstanding and dedicated leader, role model, and volunteer.

Sandra has been a volunteer at the local, state, and national levels starting in 1991 when she was elected secretary for CAHIMA and served as a committee member of the ILHIMA annual meeting team. Since that time she has volunteered in a number of capacities including ILHIMA’s president, president-elect, past president and delegate as well as co-chair for ILHIMA’s annual meeting. On the national level Sandra served as co-chair for AHIMA’s annual program committee and as a member of their Fellowship Committee.

Sandra has a progressive and distinguished career at various healthcare institutions throughout the Chicago area where she excels at EHR implementation and increasing revenue while maintaining strict privacy policy. Throughout the years Sandra has brought her in-depth knowledge to and supports the development of future HIM professional through advisory board service and placing students for Professional Practice Experience for a variety of HIM programs. Additionally, she has volunteered at career days to promote the HIM profession.

Sandra earned the status of Fellow of AHIMA in 2016. She has been a practicing HIM professional for over 30 years and currently is the System Director of Health Information Management for Xtend Healthcare, LLC.

OUTSTANDING NEW PROFESSIONAL

Charniece Martin, MBA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CRCR

Charniece (affectionately known as “CJ”) has from the beginning of her HIM career, proven her abilities as a progressive, thoughtful leader and a stellar manager. She is a constant inspirational presence at national, state, and local professional activities, as well as a stalwart mentor of numerous HIM students and recent graduates. Charniece
is committed to the loyalties that she has forged with her colleagues and students as demonstrated through her many volunteer activities. At the national level she has served on the New Graduate Council, the Foundation Student Merit Scholarship Committee, the Health Information Technologies and Innovation Practice Council, and as Subject Matter Expert and item writer for the CCS and CCS-P exams. At the state and local levels, she has served on the ILHIMA Annual Meeting Planning Committee since 2015, as well as Secretary for the CAHIMA Board of Directors (2016-2017).

Charniece works as Revenue Integrity Analyst at Northwestern Medicine, as well as an adjunct professor at Chicago State University and DeVry University. Because of her ongoing commitment to the HIM community, Charniece embodies the vision of the quintessential HIM professional.

**AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**

**Peggy Forrest, MHA, RHIA, CCS, AHIMA ICD-10 Trainer**

Peggy Forrest, MHA, RHIA, CCS, AHIMA ICD-10 CM/PCS Trainer is the Manager of Coding Quality Audit, Education & Denials at SSM Health. Peggy has accepted students for clinical rotations for over 10 years. She has also contributed to student development by being a guest lecturer in the classroom, providing tours in her department and serving as HIM adjunct faculty at Southwest Illinois College and St. Charles Community College during 2006-2017. She was nominated for this award because of the efforts she takes to present materials directly to students regarding HIM functions. Peggy gives students a unique clinical experience that involves the students performing audits that utilize their computer application skills by collecting and analyzing the data, and then presenting the results via a Power Point presentation to the department members. Peggy has also donated money contributions, Journals and HIM published materials to the program.

**FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

**2021 Annual Meeting**

Tinley Park Convention Center
Tinley Park, IL
April 15-16, 2021

**2022 Annual Meeting**

I Hotel and Conference Center
Champaign, IL
April 21-22, 2022
EDNA K. HUFFMAN AWARD WINNERS

This award recognizes two (new this year) outstanding students from each Illinois accredited program. To be eligible, the students must: 1) be a student member of ILHIMA/AHIMA, 2) be graduating this spring/summer, 3) be a resident of Illinois and 4) take the exam within 6 months of graduation. The students must also have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:

■ Leadership - college and professional potential
■ Academic achievement - maintained a high grade point average
■ Personal achievement - ability to surmount obstacles to achieve education as well as commendations or other recognition
■ Personal qualities - ambition, integrity, honesty, and enthusiasm
■ Volunteerism

Please congratulate this year’s winners:

Kelley Anderson  Southwestern IL College
Albert Avezuela-Perez  Chicago State University
Hannah Birchfield  Illinois State University
Jeannine Burns  McHenry County College
Shannon Cascarano  College of Lake County
Joseph Chipeta  Danville Area Community College
Dawn Dobrzynski  Moraine Valley Community College
Lindsay Ermilio  Joliet Junior College
Perla Escatel  Illinois State University
Sarrah Ezzi  University of Illinois at Chicago
Hannah Harvey  Danville Area Community College
Tracey Karr  Richland Community College
Chris Lau  College of Lake County
Lindsay Markiewicz  Moraine Valley Community College
Erika McMahon  College of DuPage
Catharine Newton  Southwestern IL College
Hoang Nguyen  College of DuPage
Denise Pollworth  Oakton Community College
Priya Preshad  Waubonsee Community College
Brooke Renshaw  Harper College
Serena Rodowald  Waubonsee Community College
Jan Richie (JR)  Signe University of Illinois at Chicago
Therese Terrones  Joliet Junior College
Maria Totorovici  Oakton Community College
Delmar Willis  Chicago State University

Congratulations to all of our Award Winners!
2019 ILHIMA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Graduate**
Courtney Gordon  University of Illinois at Chicago
Deborah Morley  University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center

**Undergraduate**
Anila Agoviku  Oakton Community College
Dawn Dobrzynski  Moraine Valley Community College
Jaidev Gundechia  University of Illinois at Chicago
Ryan Khiavi  Oakton Community College
Mya Kral  College Of Dupage
Alison Lundberg  College of DuPage
Urszula Mandecka  Oakton Community College
Andrea Marqua  Richland Community College
Abigale McKnight  Illinois State University
Violeta Suciu  Oakton Community College
Anna Marie Tenuta  College of DuPage
Maria Totorovici  Oakton Community College
Araceli Vargas  College of DuPage
Maggie Wegmann  Waubonsee Community College

IMPORTANT AHIMA DATES TO REMEMBER...

AHIMA Triumph Award Nominations – Deadline: June 1, 2020
July 1, 2020 – AHIMA ballot candidates are featured in the July/August *Journal of AHIMA*
July 13, 2020 8:00 AM CDT through July 27, 2020 5:00 PM CDT – AHIMA Polls opens
Health Data and Information Conference (previously known as the AHIMA Convention) – October 14-17, 2020, Atlanta, Georgia