



## The Newsletter of the Student Health **Information Management Association**

# Fall 2009/Spring 2010

## Members awarded

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Alumnus honored by

employer

### PriceDoc.com is a free website where

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consumers who are uninsured, underinsured, or seeking elective procedures can view and reserve prices with qualified providers for cash or credit card payments. Consumers can identify

and patient referrals. **Upcoming 2010 Events:** Senior Luncheon - March 31st

local providers and

review provider experience, credentials,

## **Convention Center,**

**THIMA Annual Meeting 2010** 

Chattanooga Marriott &

Chattanooga, TN April 7-9 **Community Service - TBA** 

# **TSU Students Awarded THIMA Scholarships**

Two students in TSU's Health According to the THIMA

Information Management program have been awarded scholarships by the Tennessee Health Information Association. THIMA awarded three

scholarships statewide, so to have two of them awarded to our students is a real honor and testament of the academic excellence not only of our students, but the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HIM}}$ program as well. THIMA's highest award, the Evelyn Freeman Scholarship

(funded by DocuVoice), was awarded to TSU HIM Senior, Julie Brymer. The THIMA Scholarship was split between TSU HIM Junior, Michael Gregory and

MTSU student Ashley Lamb. **HIM Students Volunteer at National Kidney Foundation Event** 

On Saturday October 2nd, five

participated as volunteers in

the "Kidney Early Evaluation

HIM Juniors from TSU

scholarships are available annually through THIMA to Tennessee students who are planning a career in Health Information Management (HIM). The scholarships are the THIMA Scholarship (\$1,000) and the Evelyn Freeman Scholarship (\$1,000). The Evelyn Freeman Scholarship is

website "Two \$1,000

funded by DocuVoice." For those interested in applying for the next round of awards, the site has the following information: "Candidates for the scholarship must submit

applications using the online process through the THIMA web site. The decision to award the scholarship is

appreciate them!" said NKF

program director Samantha

The screening events are held

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Committee. The use of the award is left to the discretion of the recipient." All applications must be

received by June 15th and be accompanied by two letters of recommendation (one from a clinical instructor, if possible), official transcripts of posthigh school education, and verification of acceptance from your HIM Program Director. Information can be obtained

ship.htm.

at: http://www.thima.org/

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#### Screening" (KEEP) held by the throughout communities in National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee each year.

Rogers.

Middle Tennessee. The event was held at the Bellevue Presbyterian Church and the TSU volunteers were joined by volunteers from Vanderbilt and Belmont universities. "This event would

be impossible without our

volunteers and we really

For more information, go to: www.nkfmdtn.org



#### **Homecoming 2009 Fundraising a Success!** On Saturday, November 7th, HIM alumnus Shakine

HIM students past and present participated in TSU's annual Homecoming celebration. The students coordinated the setting up and operating of a food concession area along the parade route at the east end of the Student Center to raise money for their respective student organizations. Breakfast is served! Alumni, Junior and Senior

Each year for more than 50 students at Homecoming years the TSU Homecoming celebration has brought thousands to the campus for an entire week of activities that culminate on Saturday with the

menu. The breakfast portion was doing such brisk business that some named the operation "Shak-Donald's" in honor of Hardaway's menu of egg and sausage sandwiches. The weather was perfect for the event and the crowds were very good, making for a very parade and football game.

successful endeavor this year. The group is already looking **Free Writing Help** 

Need help to write better

papers? Who doesn't!

Thankfully, such help is

available year-round in the

Writing Center of the Academic

Hardaway was particularly

and success of this year's

event. Thanks to his

instrumental in the organization

organization page on Facebook for alumni of the TSU HIM program called: considerable skills and hustle, "H.I.G.H.E.R." (Healthcare the group was able to serve an Graduates for Higher Education impressive breakfast and lunch & Research) and encourages all TSU HIM students past and present to join.

ahead to next year's event.

Hardaway has established an

major courses Failure to maintain in

RETENTION

**POLICY** 

Minimum GPA of 2.0

Grade of C or above in

any course will require repeating the course in the next semester it is offered (pending

approval of advisor)

### Wade and her husband on October 26 @ 3:16 P.M.

HIM Family Grows by 1!

The TSU HIM department are

happy to announce the recent

arrival of Emery Ramal Wade,

born to HIM Senior Audrika

!!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On November 18th, the HIM

Tom Jackson Industrial Arts

Building.

department held its first Open

House event in room 319 of the

#### Enrichment, Advisement & by December 20, 2009. Orientation department (AEAO) No applications will be

located in the Learning Resource Center. Call: (615) 963-5551 or 963-7419 Email: jlgrimes@tnstate.edu or bkannard@tnstate.edu Fall 2009 HIM Open House Three students expressed

interest in the program, so

preliminary event.

faculty and administration were

encouraged by the result of this

HIM Juniors Michael Gregory,

Delana Norfleet, Chrissy

Prescott, and Tonya Terrell

accompanied Department

accepted after this deadline and students who have not applied by the deadline will not be allowed to participate in the May ceremony. Apply now!

Resource Center 2 days earlier.

The presentation consisted of

Power Point presentation, and

an impassioned presentation

by Mrs. Kunnu. Since HIM is

not yet widely known, such

student testimonials of why

they chose the program, a

theater of the Learning

**Graduating Seniors** 

Seniors wishing to graduate in

Spring 2010 must apply online

at the commencement website:

http://www.tnstate.edu/

commencement



the wider field of HIM and present it to interested students who are as yet

The event was held to highlight

our excellent department and

undeclared majors or who are

considering changing majors.

Head Dr. Kunnu in making a presentation to a group of undeclared majors in the

positive promotion will help to inform others of this excellent field.

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### Wealth of Knowledge and Experience Shared by Guest Speakers Anita Tipton, a Registered

As rich as lectures and textbook materials can be for students, there is no substitute for the knowledge and experience of seasoned veterans who speak "from the trenches" on the frontlines of the HIM industry.

The HIM department at TSU is committed to bringing a host of such professionals to enrich the learning of our students, and we have already had a stellar lineup of excellent speakers in the Fall semester alone. Yancey Riley, HIM Director at

Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, spoke on October 6th of the EMR and its progressive

implementation in their Middle Tennessee clinics.

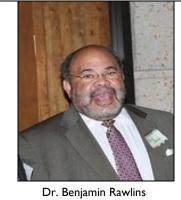
On October 14th, Robert Holman, a 20-year veteran of Ford Motor company who holds a Masters in Industrial/ Organizational Psychology, spoke on "Key Strategies" for success to the Foundations of HIM class. John Phillips, a Certified

Surgical Technician at a

Nashville Neurosurgery practice, spoke regarding the importance of accurate health records on November 10th to Professor Brock's Introduction to Health Records class.

Nurse at Meharry's DCI Dialysis Clinic, spoke to the Medical Terminology class on November The Legal/Ethical Aspects class

was recently honored with a 90minute conversation with Dr. Benjamin Rawlins, General Counsel, Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Meharry Medical College. He holds three degrees and has served as a board member and Committee Chair for NACUA, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, and received their Distinguished Service Award for 2007.



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#### as this one allow students, community service which disabilities which affect representing the HIM program mobility."

**Community Service at United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee** 

upkeep of the grounds.

Community service events such

benefitted the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Middle Tennessee. Organized by Mrs. Brock, in conjunction with the local

On Monday, November 30th,

HIM students from TSU

gathered for a morning of

Nashville chapter of UCP, the event brought students to work on the maintenance and

A recent edition of "Fierce

Health IT", an e-newsletter

reported on an increased

Health Information

publication of the American

Management Association, has

at TSU, to give back to the community in which they live and study, and be ambassadors for TSU in general, and the HIM program in particular. According to their website, UCP "serves individuals with all

billion or so in federal money (a net \$19 billion after accounting for expected efficiency savings) for electronic health records,

someone's going to have to

build, install, deploy and train

people to use the systems, right?

at: 1200 9th Ave North, Suite 110, near the intersection of Jefferson St and 8th Ave North. Those interested in giving of their time or other resources are encouraged to contact

them at: (615) 242-4091 or

kinds of disabilities" while their

The Nashville chapter is located

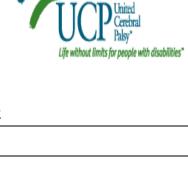
specialty is "service to

individuals with physical

online at: www.ucpnashville.org February. So there's clearly a huge demand for a health IT workforce." This news is exciting for those in other areas of IT considering migrating to

health care. For RHIAs and

of specialty with much promise.



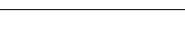
#### demand for HIT professionals due to the influx of stimulus Studies estimate that there was a

**Stimulus Creates Huge Demand for HIT Professionals** 

funds. The article sates: "With all the new money flowing into health IT, particularly with the \$35

need for 10,000 to 15,000 new health IT professionals nationwide, but those were conducted before the enactment of the federal stimulus back in

Those interested in subscribing to FierceEMR can sign up at: www. fierceemr.com



soon-to-be RHIAs, this is an area

#### **TSU HIM Alumnus Honored By Employer** An alumnus of the TSU HIM In addition to his daily

program was one of four who recently received the Credo Award for their consistently outstanding work at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Nick Suter, who has been a

VUMC's Medical Information Services department since September of 2006, graduated from the TSU HIM program in the spring of that same year.

health data coordinator in

coordinates the efforts of 20 scanning specialists as well as monitoring and assigning

In his current position, Nick

the QA process for their work

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We welcome articles submissions pertaining to the field of Health Information

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routine, Nick oversees the clinical internship for two TSU students who do an 8 week rotation.

An article highlighting the award in VUMC's weekly newspaper, The Reporter, states "He has a great administrative capacity and has lead the scanning team to a measurably increased productivity and efficiency each year he has been at Vanderbilt."

Nick has also been awarded the "Rising Star" award for 2009 by THIMA.



## 2010 THIMA Annual Meeting

The 2010 annual meeting of the Tennessee Health Information
Management Association will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 7-9 at the Chattanooga Marriott & Convention Center.

Online registration for the event will close at 6:00 pm EST/5:00 pm CST on Tuesday, March 30th. This year's event features excellent guest speakers and workshops.

There are several different

registration types and attendees can pay by mail or credit card via the THIMA website at: www.thima.org

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