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Message from the AHIMA Foundation Board of Directors

We are delighted to be part of the AHIMA Foundation at such an exciting time for our industry, as AHIMA celebrates its 85th anniversary and the impact of healthcare reform continues to unfold. In this issue, you will see how your contributions make a difference by helping to advance significant and positive change in the profession and healthcare. None of this important work could happen without your generous contributions, which support advances in the industry, provide opportunities for students and faculty, improve the profession and promotes its importance through research and policy, and keeps programs going that make an impact on members' lives and careers.

We are currently getting ready for AHIMA's 85th Convention & Exhibit coming up in Atlanta later this month. The Foundation has planned a number of exciting programs for Convention, and we're looking forward to meeting you there.

Thank you for your support,



Peter J. Enko, JD
2013 Chair, AHIMA Foundation Board of Directors



Warren A. Jones, MD, FAAFP
2013 Chair-elect, AHIMA Foundation Board of Directors

"Your support of my educational and professional aspirations is appreciated beyond words, and I hope to return the favor by re-investing time and energy into AHIMA so that its benefits and resources continue to grow and reach others in our field."

—Jennifer Cotter, 2011
CSA Leadership
Honorary Scholarship
Recipient

Events

October 23-25

[Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security \(CHPS\) Exam Prep Workshop](#) (on-site registration available)
Atlanta, GA

October 26-27

[Clinical Coding Community Meeting](#)
Atlanta, GA

October 26-27

[Privacy and Security Institute](#)
Atlanta, GA

October 26-30

[85th AHIMA Convention and Exhibit](#)
Atlanta, GA
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November 4-6

AHIMA FOUNDATION EVENTS

2013 Convention Highlights

A [full list of Foundation events and speakers](#) during **AHIMA's 85th Convention & Exhibit, October 26-30 in the Atlanta, GA**, is available at the Foundation website, including information on hours and items up for bid in the Silent Auction, the Research Presentations and Networking Session agenda, and more.

[View the agenda.](#)

New Rural Health Webinar Series

[National Rural Health Webinars](#), a free webinar series offered by the AHIMA Foundation, will focus on the health information technology for rural healthcare providers by addressing current topics in information governance, and informatics including opportunities in mHealth, health information technology, health information management workforce, ICD-10 implementation, and health analytics. [Read more...](#)

SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is Going Mobile

The Foundation will be launching a beta version of our new mobile website at Convention. The website will allow members and donors to use their mobile devices, including tablets and smart phones, to have a more user-friendly experience. The new site will also include an updated online donation system. The mobile website will assist donors in staying informed about the Foundation while they are on the go. Check E-Alert for an announcement when the mobile site launches.

Bringing Kathleen A. Frawley's Vision to Life

AHIMA was saddened by the unexpected passing of President Kathleen A. Frawley in July. Frawley was proud of AHIMA's 85-year history and excited about the future of the HIM profession. The theme of her presidency, "Dream Big...and Believe," will be her legacy, as she reminded us all to believe in ourselves and believe in AHIMA.

To honor Frawley's contribution to the advancement of the profession, the AHIMA Foundation has established the Kathleen A. Frawley Memorial Endowed Scholarship fund to support the Student Merit Scholarship program. The goal is to raise \$85,000 in gifts by the 85th AHIMA Convention and Exhibit this October in Atlanta, GA. Help build upon her dream by [making an online contribution](#).

Learn more about the scholarship and other ways to give at ahimafoundation.org/kathleen.

New Fellows Graduate Scholarship Fund

The 2013 AHIMA Fellowship Review Committee recently voted to establish the AHIMA Fellows Graduate Scholarship Fund as a way for Fellows, as the recognized leaders in HIM, to give back to the profession and set an example for other AHIMA members. Since a graduate degree is a requirement of fellowship eligibility, the committee voted to establish a scholarship to benefit students seeking advanced degrees.

The scholarship is slated for 2015. Eligibility criteria and requirements will be:

- Five years continuous membership in AHIMA at the time of application
- Two years of local, state, national, or international health information management volunteer activities
- Verified enrollment in a graduate program at an accredited university
- An essay explaining how the applicant's professional development and

[AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding](#)
Providence, RI

November 11-12
[AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM: Building Expert Trainers for Diagnosis Coding](#)
Chicago, IL

November 12
[CPT® Non-Vascular Interventional Radiology Coding Webinar](#)

View a complete listing of all [AHIMA events and webinars](#).



graduate work will promote the health HIM profession

[Make a donation to the AHIMA Fellows Scholarship Fund.](#) (On the website, choose donation type "Fellows Scholarship.")

Veterans Scholarship

The AHIMA Foundation is proud to support those who have served our country, through the **Veterans Scholarship** program. The Foundation seeks to develop the next generation of HIM professionals by helping our men and women in uniform move on to a bright new future and a career in healthcare. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for:

- Veteran military service members from the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard)
- Spouses of veteran service members, including surviving spouses

Learn more about [the scholarship and make a donation](#) at the Foundation website.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Transforming the Health Information Workforce: Reality 2016

In early June, as part of the **Reality 2016 initiative**, the Council for Excellence in Education (CEE) and the CEE Curricula Workgroup revised the curriculum maps for all three academic levels (associate, baccalaureate, and graduate). The results of their work, in the form of a side-by-side curriculum map and individual academic level detailed curriculum maps, were made available for both internal and external stakeholders. The work of these groups was informed by workforce hiring representatives who shared their vision of the changing needs in HIM to ensure the resulting curricula sufficiently prepares students for the future.

The draft revisions were made available for member, educator, and external stakeholder comment. The CEE Curriculum Workgroup is reviewing and responding to comments and aims to have a final draft by the end of 2013 for the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education, which will establish an implementation timeline for accreditation purposes. The Foundation would like to thank all those who participated during the comment period. [Learn more.](#)

New Online Journal on Education Research

The inaugural issue of the AHIMA Foundation's education-focused online-only *Educational Perspectives in Health Informatics and Information Management*, is available now. Featured articles include:

- Critical Thinking Skills of Allied Health Science Students: A Structured Inquiry
- The Growth in the Clinical Documentation Specialist Profession
- EHR Usability on Mobile Devices

Read the issue at eduperspectives.ahima.org.

National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards Certified

AHIMA's National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards were certified by the United States Department of Labor (DoL) during the [Healthcare Forward Summit](#) this summer in Washington, DC. The certification of the guidelines will help bridge the gap for graduating or post-certification students seeking a career in HIM through paid apprenticeships, where the AHIMA Foundation will serve as an intermediary, which will provide a clear pathway to full-time employment. The program will be offered through the DoL's Employment and Training Administration. [Read more...](#)

APPLIED RESEARCH

Study: Hard Facts on Computer-Assisted Coding

A new AHIMA Foundation-supported study finds computer-assisted coding (CAC) can help code inpatient records more quickly and does not reduce accuracy when paired with a credentialed coder. The study is described in the July issue of the [Journal of AHIMA](#). The study was made possible through a collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic and supported by a charitable contribution from 3M. [Read more...](#)

Foundation Study is Basis for HHS Report to Congress

This summer, the US Department of Health and Human Services delivered a study to Congress, "[The Application of EHR Payment Incentives for Providers Not Receiving Other Payment Incentives.](#)" Prepared under contract between the HHS Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy and AHIMA Foundation, the study found that the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) for long-term, post acute care, and behavioral health providers is essential to improve coordinated care for the most vulnerable patients. [Read more...](#)

AHIMA Receives Funding to Boost International Education

AHIMA will participate in the International Trade Administration's Market Development Cooperator Program, which supports US growth and job creation by increasing the export of knowledge, goods, and services throughout the world. AHIMA will receive monetary support to develop HIM education and workforce training programs, recruit international students to US schools, and promote standardized curriculum expectations for the profession. [Read more...](#)

Meet the Student e-Presentation Contest Winner



Alan Soskel, RHIA, is the winner of the Council for Excellence in Education (CEE)'s student e-presentation contest. The contest was designed to position students early in their HIM career as **contributors, knowledge experts, and speakers** at professional association meetings, and to make educators aware of the kinds of projects students are doing across the country. Soskel's presentation, "[The Human Aspect to Creating Work Process Flow Charts: Asking the Right Questions,](#)" was shown at



Assembly on Education, along with three other student presentations. Soskel is a recent graduate from the Medical College of Georgia. He has been awarded a free registration to AHIMA's Convention & Exhibit in Atlanta this month.

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