

2009 Ambassador to Education Award

Deborah A. Brown, RHIT

OHIMA and the HIM profession are grateful to all those individuals who work tirelessly every day to provide students with meaningful opportunities to experience Health Information Management in the real world. The Ambassador to Education Award honors an outstanding clinical practice site supervisor or other HIM professional who has contributed significantly to Ohio's Health Information Administration and Technology programs. OHIMA proudly announces that Deborah Brown is the 2009 Ambassador to Education Award recipient.

Deborah is the Operations Manager of the Health Information Management department at Grant Medical Center. She currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Columbus Community College. Her experiences in health care and health information management over the length of her career have been numerous from serving as a transcription supervisor, to working in the marketing aspect of health care, to managing utilization review and case management, to teaching. Deborah has a lot of wisdom and tips to offer the students because of her extensive experience within the field.

Deborah has been involved with OHIMA and has served in different positions over the years, but she feels that the opportunity to serve our organization through mentoring students to be extremely rewarding. Deborah shared that she found it to be "very satisfying to watch the students grow during their clinicals and then have the opportunity to follow their success as they pursue their careers in Health Information Management." Ms. Brown accepts several students every year from all over the state and from several different colleges with health information programs and generously donates her time to share her professional experiences with the students. Her support has given numerous students invaluable insight and knowledge about HIM that cannot be found in any book and typically cannot be obtained so early within a career.

The helping hand a mentor offers to his/her students leaves a lasting impression that follows them throughout their career. I believe that most of us have at least one person who made the difference for us and for so many students that person has been Deborah Brown. We are pleased to recognize Deborah Brown as our 2009 Ambassador to Education Award recipient. Please join me in congratulating Deborah as one of Ohio's outstanding HIM professionals.

