

**2002 OHIMA Award Presentation Speech
Ambassador to Education Award
Kathryn Pittman, RHIT**

OHIMA and the HIM profession are grateful to all those persons who work tirelessly every day to provide students with meaningful opportunities to experience Health Information Management in real-life. 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 Management and Health Information Technology programs.

I am proud to announce the recipient of the 2002 OHIMA Ambassador to Education award is Kathryn Pittman, RHIT.

Kathy has been the Administrative Manager of the HIM department at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton OH since 2000. Kathy has overall responsibility for the 83 FTEs in the HIM department, including Transcription and Inpatient/Outpatient Coding.

In addition to other HIM positions early in her career, Kathy has been promoted through other positions at MVH since 1987 including:

- ◆ Inpatient Coder
- ◆ Supervisor, Medical Information Services
- ◆ Manager of Operations, Medical Information Services
- ◆ Manager, Health Information Management

Education:

1986 - Associates Degree in HIM at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio
Presently pursuing her bachelor's degree in HIM at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri

Certification:

1986 – RHIT

Professional Activities:

OHIMA:

1995 – Project Leader, Educational Seminars

MVHIMA:

1993-1994 President

Other positions: Secretary, Director-Seminars, President-elect,
Past-president

1994 Present - Clinical Site Supervisor for Sinclair Community College

Read excerpts from nomination letters of support.

Please join me in congratulating the worthy recipient of our 2002 OHIMA Ambassador to Education Award, Kathy Pittman.