

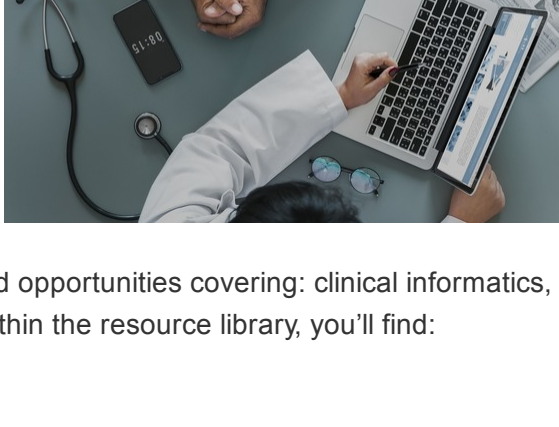
Check Out the HIMSS Resource Library

Did you know that as a HIMSS chapter member, you have access to an expansive [Resource Library](#) to support your professional development?

HIMSS offers a variety of educational materials and opportunities covering: clinical informatics, interoperability, patient engagement, and more. Within the resource library, you'll find:

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- Industry Research
- Policy Center Documentation

[Explore the Resource Library](#) to get more out of your HIMSS membership, grow your industry knowledge, and advance your career.



Upcoming Events



April 29: Workforce Accelerator Graduation

Join us in celebrating the Spring graduates of the TN HIMSS/Belmont University HIT Workforce Accelerator. The graduation agenda is as follows:

- 5:00 p.m.: Light reception
- 5:30 p.m.: Opening remarks
- 6:00 p.m.: Commencement address by Nick Coussoule, Senior VP and CIO at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
- 6:30 p.m.: Presentations

**Please RSVP to tiffany@tnhimss.org if you plan to attend.*

Monday, April 29 | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Belmont University, Massey Business Center, Room 413



May 2: TN HIMSS Cybersecurity Event

Our cyber security experts will return for another informative Q&A panel on topics such as the organizational impact of recent healthcare cyber attacks, hacker focus on employees, the increase in new security roles and training, and more. The panelists include leaders from healthcare provider and service companies across the U.S., covering both rural and urban areas. Expect to learn something new!

Thursday, May 2 | 7:30-10:30 a.m. | AMSURG: 1A Burton Hills Blvd. | [Buy tickets here.](#)

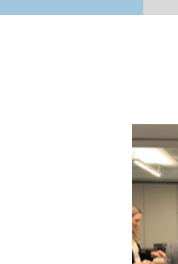
**Event is sponsored by [Fortinet](#).*



July 18: New Member Reception

TN HIMSS and [HCTec](#) will host a reception to welcome our new members to the chapter. Enjoy appetizers and drinks, and a fun evening connecting with new folks and long-time members.

Thursday, July 18 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | HCTec: 5106 Maryland Way | [Buy tickets here.](#)



September 9-10: NTC Analytics Summit

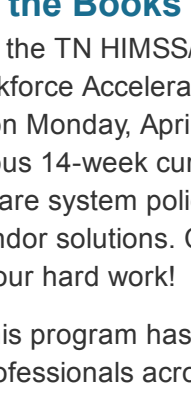
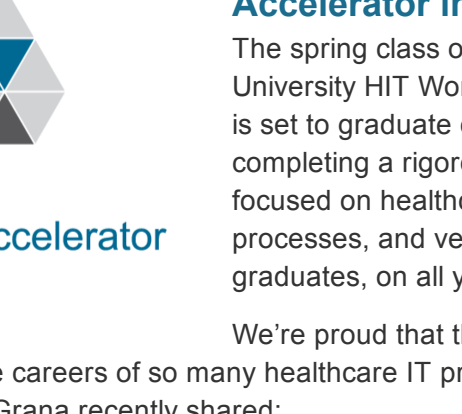
The 2019 Nashville Technology Council Analytics Summit, in partnership with TN HIMSS, has been scheduled and speaking proposals are now being accepted. The program will alternate between hands-on workshops and presentations, all led by experts in various industries.

The NTC Analytics Summit was formed in 2013 and has experienced a 488% growth since then. The Summit continues to be one of Nashville's largest, locally grown tech events, focusing on one of the most fundamental issues today: how to effectively leverage big data and analytics.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal or would like to recommend a presenter, [click here](#).

Monday, September 9 - Tuesday, September 10 | Omni Nashville Hotel | [Register here.](#)

Chapter News



TN HIMSS Partners with AMA and ABHI for Thought Leader Events

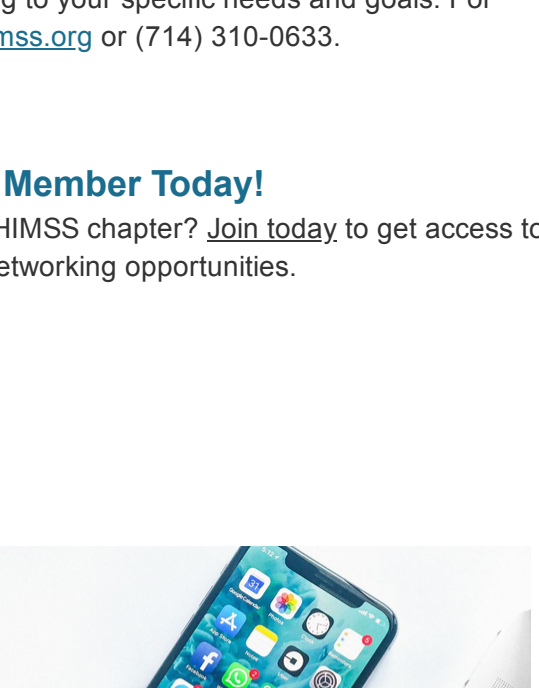
Last month, TN HIMSS held two events at AMSURG featuring representatives from two prestigious healthcare industry associations — the [American Medical Association \(AMA\)](#) and the [Association of British HealthTech Industries \(ABHI\)](#).

The AMA event focused on "Driving the Future of Digital Health," and the ABHI event covered the development and innovation of health IT ecosystems. Both were huge successes, and we were proud to host them. [Read more.](#)

Health IT a Focus of 2nd Annual Advocacy Day

On the 2nd annual Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill, TN HIMSS partnered with the Nashville Technology Council to advocate for the advancement of the health IT community.

Our group met with more than 10 legislators and discussed how, with the help of organizations like ours, the technology community can bridge the talent gap across Middle Tennessee. [Read more.](#)



Another Successful HIT Workforce Accelerator in the Books

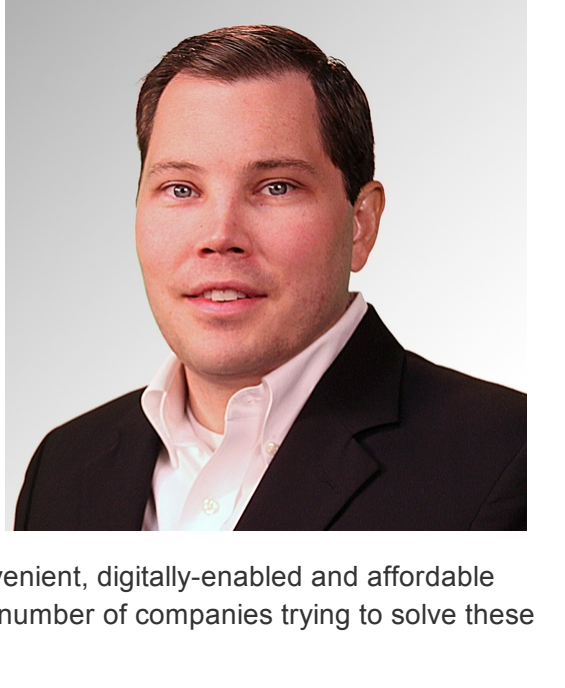
The spring class of the TN HIMSS/Belmont University HIT Workforce Accelerator Program is set to graduate on Monday, April 29 after completing a rigorous 14-week curriculum focused on healthcare system policies, processes, and vendor solutions. Congrats, graduates, on all your hard work!

We're proud that this program has been instrumental in advancing the careers of so many healthcare IT professionals across Middle Tennessee. HCTec CEO Bill Grana recently shared:

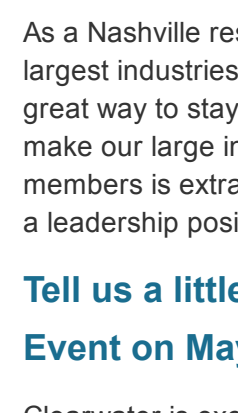
"I highly recommend leaders in any healthcare IT-related organization consider participating in the Accelerator program. It will greatly enhance their understanding of the complex U.S. healthcare system and policies, along with providing specialized knowledge about HIT technology systems, analytics, documentation and processes."

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Want to sponsor TN HIMSS in 2019? We'd love to talk to you. Corporate sponsorships are available for all types of organizations, from vendors and consultants to providers and payers. In return for your sponsorship, you will receive recognition for helping our chapter with its educational, networking, and communication programs.



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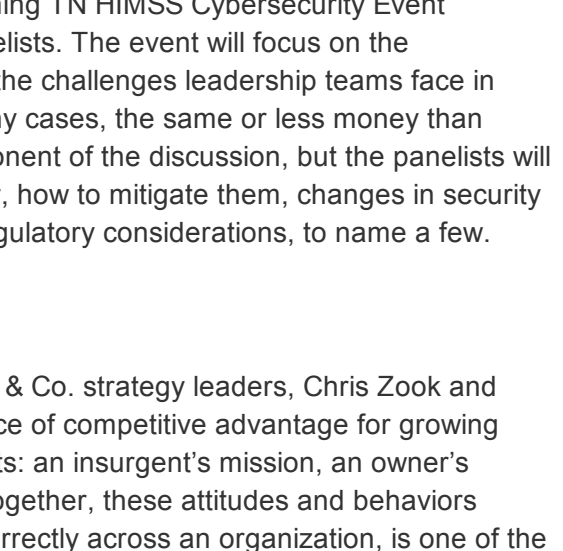


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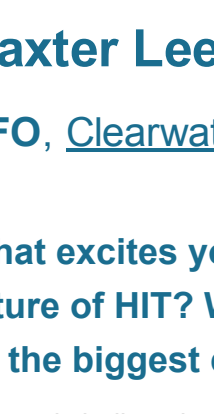
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Member Spotlight

Baxter Lee

CFO, [Clearwater](#)

What excites you about the future of HIT? What do you see as the biggest challenges?

I strongly believe healthcare IT has an opportunity to dramatically impact the way healthcare is delivered and improve patient outcomes in a more efficient, cost-effective manner. Consumers are craving a more convenient, digitally-enabled and affordable healthcare system, and I'm energized by the number of companies trying to solve these problems.

However, the rapid adoption of technology across the industry has created an explosion of data and the number of points from which data can be accessed is growing exponentially. This is creating greater cyber risk exposures across the industry that are not being proportionately addressed compared to the amount of investment in these new technologies. We need to begin taking this issue more seriously as an industry because what is at stake here goes way beyond privacy and has serious patient safety ramifications.

What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS member?

As a Nashville resident, TN HIMSS provides a great way to stay connected to one of the largest industries that calls Nashville home. The education and industry events are a great way to stay on top of current trends and the networking opportunities really help to make our large industry feel small and connected. The collaboration among TN HIMSS members is extraordinary as everyone seems aligned on continuing to keep Nashville in a leadership position for decades to come.

Tell us a little bit about the upcoming TN HIMSS Cybersecurity Event on May 2. What can we expect to learn?

Clearwater is excited to be part of the upcoming TN HIMSS Cybersecurity Event alongside a great mix of industry expert panelists. The event will focus on the perspective of cybersecurity leadership and the challenges leadership teams face in managing increasing cyber risks with, in many cases, the same or less money than yesterday. HIPAA compliance will be a component of the discussion, but the panelists will also touch on data breaches, why they occur, how to mitigate them, changes in security staffing/roles, new trainings required, and regulatory considerations, to name a few.

What is the last book you read?

The Founders Mentality. Written by two Bain & Co. strategy leaders, Chris Zook and James Allen, the book articulates a key source of competitive advantage for growing companies, which consists of three main traits: an insurgent's mission, an owner's mindset, and obsession with the front line. Together, these attitudes and behaviors constitute a frame of mind that, if fostered correctly across an organization, is one of the most undervalued secrets of business success.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

My grandparents have a beach house in Litchfield Beach, SC. I've been going there my entire life and have amazing memories of my time with family and friends there over the years. Now, it is great to be able to take my family there and see my kids enjoy some of the same experiences.



Industry News

Clover Health is laying off a quarter of its workforce, two months after \$500M fundraising

Resources says layoffs are being made because of a need to redirect company company away from tech talent and toward Medicare Advantage expertise. [Read more.](#)

How Artificial Intelligence Helps CIOs Drive Patient Experience

This article highlights how Sarah Cannon has used AI to enhance its patient navigator series. [Read more.](#)

THA President and CEO to retire

THA Becker announces retirement after more than 25 years with the organization. [Read more.](#)

HCA to acquire majority stake in nursing school's parent company

Hospital giant plans to buy majority stake in parent company that owns Galen College of Nursing. [Read more.](#)

Ludi Hires Health Care Tech Leaders Jolene Williams and Dana Regnier

Williams joins as Chief Growth Officer, and Regnier joins as Vice President of National Accounts at the health IT and physician advocacy firm. [Read more.](#)

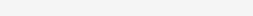
ASCO president-elect wants 'new and different viewpoints at the table'

Howard A. Burris shares about his professional experience and what he hopes to accomplish as ASCO president. [Read more.](#)

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