

Workforce Accelerator Takes HIT Education to the Next Level

Recognizing the importance of ongoing industry education and talent development in healthcare, TN HIMSS set out to deliver a program in 2014 that would prepare health IT professionals to be leaders not only in their cities, but in state-wide initiatives for HIT adoption.



HIT Workforce Accelerator

We partnered with Belmont University to form the [HIT Workforce Accelerator Program](#), a 14-week curriculum led by healthcare professionals through a combination of classroom and real-life experiences. Since the program launched, nine cohorts, totaling 200 students, have graduated, and it's been one of our most successful education efforts. Here's what one graduate had to say about her experience:

"The HIT Accelerator Program provided me the opportunity to learn about all aspects of HIT in the market today, from clinical workflows, to IT strategies and Healthcare Economics."

I have been provided several new networking and learning opportunities, the most recent being an international clinical terminology conference where I was able to meet, learn, and share ideas with other leaders in the healthcare market across the world. I frequently apply knowledge gained from this course by incorporating new leadership skills and strategic planning tactics."

-Bonnie Bruner, MSN, RN, Clinical Content Analyst, Clinical Architecture

Join the Fall 2019 Accelerator: August 26-December 9

- Check out the [program schedule](#).
- Complete the [enrollment form](#).
- Contact Tiffany Madigan, tiffany@tnhimss.org, with any questions.

Upcoming Events



July 18: TN HIMSS New Member Reception

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

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



September 9-10: NTC Analytics Summit

The 2019 Nashville Technology Council Analytics Summit, in partnership with TN HIMSS, has been scheduled. 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.

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



October 10: TN HIMSS Behavioral Health Event

Integrating behavioral healthcare with primary care is widely considered an effective strategy for improving outcomes for the millions of Americans with mental or behavioral health conditions. Join us for a lively discussion with executives from providers, technologists, and service companies as they share their approaches to behavioral health integration.

Opening Presentation:

Suicide Prevention Enabled by Data Science

Dr. Colin Walsh, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Medicine and Psychiatry

Panel Presentation:

Lisa Henderson, Co-Founder & COO at Synchronous Health

Jameson Norton, CEO at Vanderbilt Psych

Todd Charest, CTO at Qualifacts

Justin Lanning, CEO at 180 Health Partners

Adam Graham, Director of Emergency Psych Services

Thursday, October 10 | 7:30-10:30 a.m. | AMSURG | [Buy tickets here](#).



December 4-5: 4th Clinical Care Classification (CCC) User Meeting

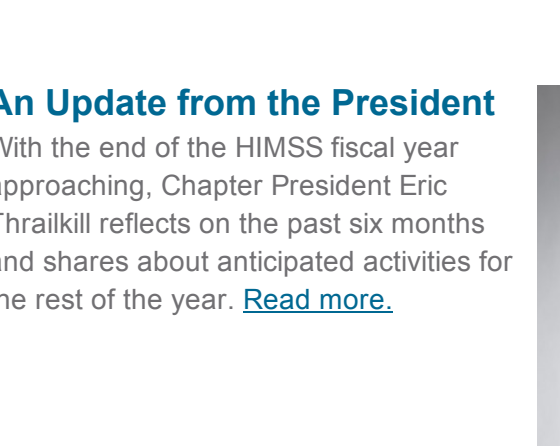
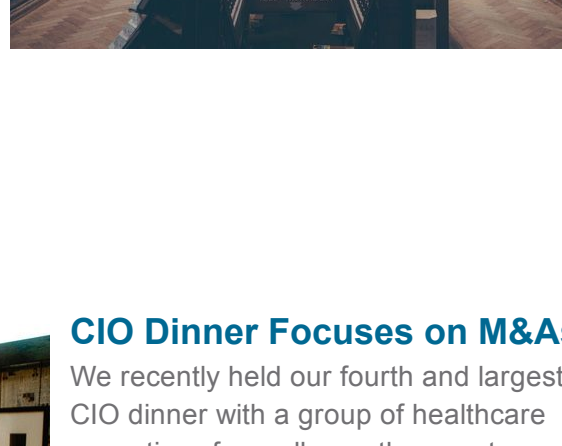
This forum provides an opportunity for the CCC user community to share issues and strategies concerning the topics of adoption, implementation, and outcomes. Virginia Saba, President and CEO of SabaCare, Inc., will host the event, and Jane Englebright, Chief Nurse Executive and Senior Vice President of HCA, will lead the keynote.

Wednesday, December 4 - Thursday, December 5 | HCA Corporate Headquarters | [Register here](#).

Chapter News

Take Action Today: Support Public Health Data Systems

HIMSS is co-leading the "Data: Elemental to Health" campaign in support of federal legislative efforts to improve public health data systems. We encourage TN HIMSS members to reach out to members of Congress about the importance of an interoperable, integrated public health surveillance enterprise. [Read more](#) about the initiative, and [complete the form](#) to contact your representatives.

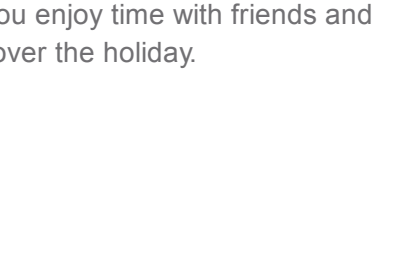
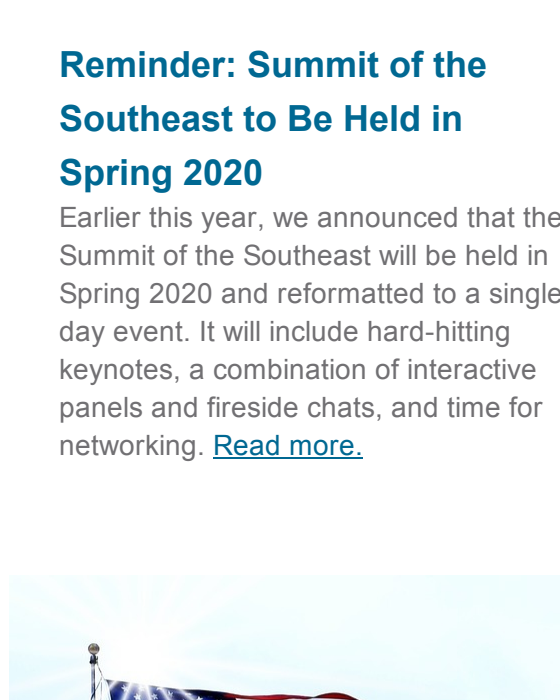


CIO Dinner Focuses on M&As

We recently held our fourth and largest CIO dinner with a group of healthcare executives from all over the country. Guest speakers from LifePoint Health shared about the integration and transformation efforts of a large-scale merger, and the relationship between the CIO and CMIO. In this blog post, former TN HIMSS president Tommy Lewis recaps the event. [Read more](#).

An Update from the President

With the end of the HIMSS fiscal year approaching, Chapter President Eric Thraikill reflects on the past six months and shares about anticipated activities for the rest of the year. [Read more](#).

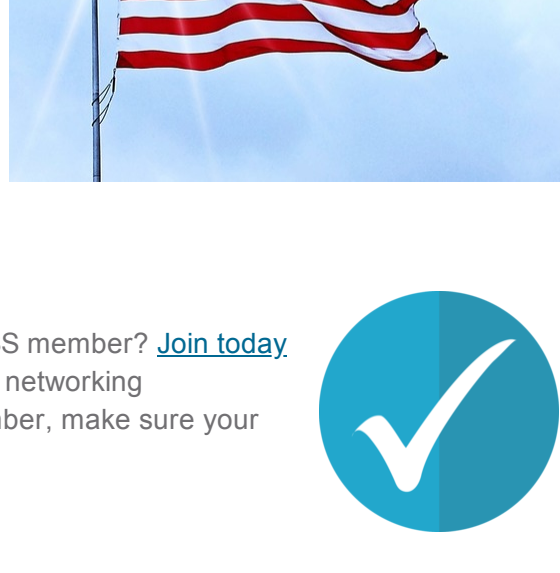


Reminder: Summit of the Southeast to Be Held in Spring 2020

Earlier this year, we announced that the Summit of the Southeast will be held in Spring 2020 and reformatted to a single-day event. It will include hard-hitting keynotes, a combination of interactive panels and fireside chats, and time for networking. [Read more](#).

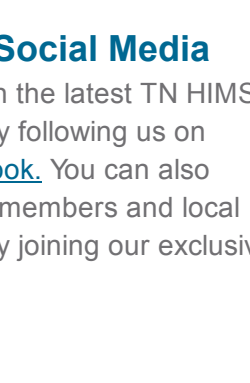
Happy Independence Day!

From all of us at TN HIMSS, we want wish you a happy and safe 4th of July! We hope you enjoy time with friends and family over the holiday.



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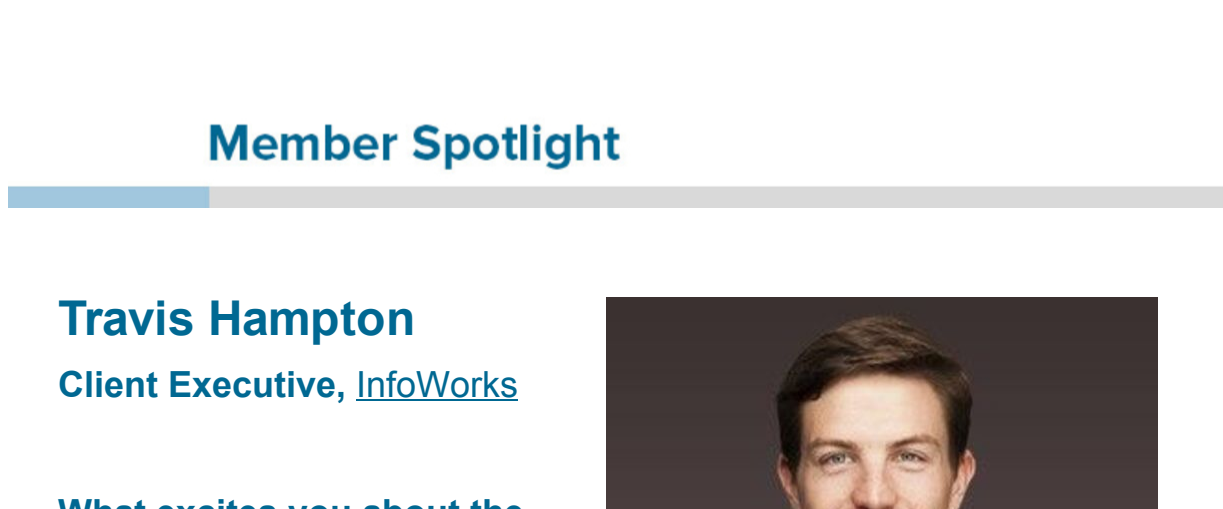
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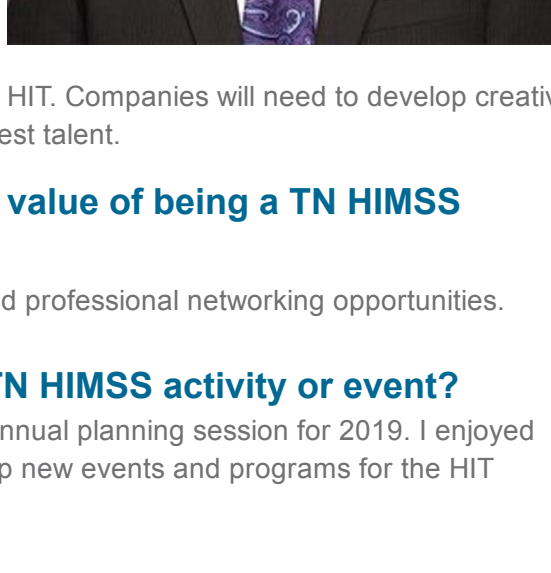
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What excites you about the future of HIT? What do you see as the biggest challenges?
I'm excited about the overall digital transformation occurring in healthcare and the opportunity we have as leaders to leverage technology to improve care, access, and quality. I see the talent shortage as one of the major challenges in HIT. Companies will need to develop creative strategies for attracting and retaining the best talent.

What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS member?
TN HIMSS provides excellent education and professional networking opportunities.

What was your favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?
As an Ambassador, I was able to join the annual planning session for 2019. I enjoyed seeing TN HIMSS leaders plan and develop new events and programs for the HIT community in Nashville.

What is the last book you read?
I am currently reading *So Good They Can't Ignore You* by Cal Newport.

What is your favorite place to vacation?
I love a good backpacking trip to a remote location.

Industry News

HCA Uses Predictive Analytics to Spot Sepsis Early

Health system's clinical and IT staff developed SPOT, an alert system embedded in the EHR that evaluates patient risk in real time. [Read more](#).

"Powered By Bridge" Apps Extend CRM Capabilities and Broaden Access for Health Care Organizations of Any Size to Change How Health Care Communicates

New app division will expand on Bridge Connector's expertise automating workflows between platforms. [Read more](#).

HealthTrust to Acquire ROi GPO and Supply Chain Organization

Following the acquisition, HealthTrust will become the exclusive national group purchasing organization for Mercy and other ROi partner members. [Read more](#).

TeamHealth Names Joseph T. "Jody" Crane, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

Physician practice expands CMO structure to maximize support across all clinical service lines by using data analytics. [Read more](#).

Envision Healthcare Names Douglas J. Smith, M.D., FACEP, President of Envision Physician Services

Dr. Smith will play a pivotal role in helping the company define the future of physician-led, customer-centric care delivery. [Read more](#).

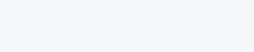
Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe Announce Xtend Healthcare, LLC to Expand Middle Tennessee Operations

Company plans to invest \$1.3 million and create 200 jobs in Hendersonville. [Read more](#).

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