

HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Congratulations to the 13th Graduating Cohort of HIT Workforce Accelerator!



Join us in celebrating the 13th graduating cohort of the TN HIMSS and Belmont University Health IT Workforce Accelerator!

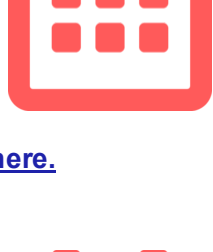
Designed for healthcare professionals of all levels, backgrounds, and career paths, the program teaches students how the blending of healthcare and IT can affect care outcomes.

In four years, nearly 150 students have already graduated from this program. This session's graduating cohort includes students from HCA Healthcare, BCBS of Tennessee, Ankura, Amsurg, LLC, Eye Centers of Tennessee, Willow Tree, Rezult Group, and United Data Technologies. [Read more here.](#)

Our Fall 2021 14-week program kicks off August 23, and classes will be held every Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. CST. All classes will be conducted virtually for this session.

[Contact us today about enrollment.](#)

Upcoming Events



June 1: Hike with TN HIMSS and HIT Like A Girl Podcast

HIT Like a Girl is taking the show on the road. They'll be traveling through Nashville as part of their 90-day cross country hiking tour to walk and talk with women leaders in their region. Join us as we welcome them to our great state and show them all our HIT has to offer!

Tuesday, June 1 | Staggering starts beginning at 3:00 p.m. CT | [Register here.](#)



June 4: Inaugural Golf Tournament

Join TN HIMSS and HIT leaders for our Inaugural Golf Tournament! Golfers will play 18 holes at the Franklin Bridges PGA rate course. Registration includes lunch, contests, cocktail hour, and more! \$475 per foursome or \$125 per individual.

Friday, June 4 | Tee Off at 9:00 a.m. CT | [Email us to register.](#)



Save the Date: Chapter Reception at HIMSS21

Our leadership team is working closely with HIMSS and Las Vegas venues as we finalize details for our Chapter Reception.

Tuesday, August 10 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. PT | [Email us](#) to sponsor the event.

Chapter News

Make the Most of Your Membership: Chapter Reception at HIMSS21

In conjunction with HIMSS21, TN HIMSS will host a reception at the conference on **Tuesday, August 10 from 6-8 p.m.** If you are not a member, join today to start taking advantage of everything HIMSS has to offer, including discounts on events. [Read more.](#)



Podcast: The Cyber Risk Relationship Between Providers and Their Associates

Steve Cagle, CEO of [Clearwater](#), explains how healthcare providers can build effective cyber risk management strategies when working with third parties and other business associates. [Listen here.](#)

Be a Part of the TN HIMSS Community

[Join here](#) to get access to our events, education, and networking opportunities.

Remember: By joining TN HIMSS or renewing your membership, your savings from discounted events throughout the year will exceed membership costs

And, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#). You can also connect with other members by joining our exclusive [LinkedIn group](#).



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Member Spotlight

Michael Yzerman

Executive Vice President, [3D Technology Group, LLC](#)



What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities in HIT?

- **Keeping up with the rapid changes in technology:** The pace of technological change is fast and getting faster. Nowhere is that more true than in Health Information Technology. An organization's IT agility, or lack thereof, will be key to determining current and future success.
- **Cybersecurity:** Cybersecurity has been a priority for many years. Yet, despite continued investments in security controls, cyber attacks keep coming. HIT organizations' cyber security investments must be driven by business outcomes rather than technology decisions.
- **Cost:** Information Technology costs often outweigh the value the technology investment returns. IT leaders must provide leadership to their organization in understanding and making rational decisions about where to modernize and where to manage and maintain. Focusing innovation and creativity on those things create competitive advantage and drive growth. Things that are mission critical but will not likely create competitive advantage should not warrant innovation or creativity but, instead, be delivered through best practices, standardization, and simplification.

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

The biggest value of being a TN HIMSS member is the many educational and networking opportunities provided, offering breadth and depth to the experience.

What has been your favorite TN HIMSS activity or event during your time as a member?

My favorite TN HIMSS event is Summit of the Southeast.

What is the last book you read?

"The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

My favorite place to vacation is North Carolina.

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What services or solutions does your company offer in the health IT space?

Our focus is working with healthcare leaders across the continuum of care to achieve success. We work with hospitals, health systems, payors, post-acute providers, physician networks, and everything in between to craft more effective, efficient, and innovative healthcare solutions. We specialize in providing end-to-end solutions in everything from data strategy and information management to application development, alongside the strategic project management and change management necessary to make even the most complex initiatives a success.



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

The people we meet at events and the relationships we are able to cultivate. We often say our company culture is community-focused and relationship-obsessed, so having an opportunity to collaborate and connect with the incredible TN HIMSS members face-to-face is invaluable.

How has your company responded to COVID-19?

We put our own technology, people, and strategy solutions to the test, transitioning quickly to remote work and providing expertise and assistance for our clients as they did the same. We transitioned our employee engagement programs to virtual spaces, making sure to keep up with personal check-ins and regular communication. From a business perspective, we have seen a lot of our clients adopting a new normal with permanent changes from the past year, so we are making sure we are hiring to have the resources in place during this period of intense renewal and growth. We are also thinking ahead to the future in new ways; for instance, with initiatives in data analytics: we know there will be data coming out of this time period, and we are intent on being ready to help clients harness it.

How long have you been a TN HIMSS sponsor?

InfoWorks first sponsored a TN HIMSS event back in 2013.

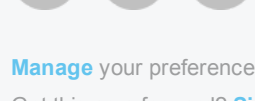
What events have you previously sponsored, and which was your favorite?

We've sponsored the Summit of the Southeast on a couple of occasions, a CXO Kickoff event, and most recently held an annual sponsorship. The CIO dinner included in that annual sponsorship stands out. The level of engagement and opportunity to build genuine connection with local leaders was unmatched.

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