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2024 AHDi Integrity Award Winners Announced

MODESTO, CA, August 13, 2024—In support of AHDi’s professional programs, standards, and best practices, the Association conducts an annual awards program to acknowledge the significant contributions of its members and other individuals and organizations that have made an impact on the healthcare documentation sector over the previous year. The Association is proud to promote and honor those who have supported the professional practice standards and goals that AHDi has developed for advancing the profession and positioning this sector for continued relevance in the future of healthcare delivery.

Congratulations to all these dedicated members. Award winners were announced during AHDi’s Healthcare Documentation Integrity Virtual Conference (HDIVC) Thursday, August 8, 2024.

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD: CanScribe Career College Instructional Team: Sara Berry, CHDS; Leslie Meger, CHDS; and Laurie Monks, CHDS

Our winner includes a team of dedicated instructors who are all Certified Healthcare Documentation Specialists and are passionate advocates for credentialing in the healthcare documentation field. They have actively participated in virtual conferences organized by AHDi, seizing invaluable learning experiences. Each conference has equipped this team with fresh insights, which they share with both colleagues and students alike. Through their commitment to staying informed, they ensure that their students receive an education that is not only comprehensive but also stays ahead of industry trends and best practices.

The Circle of Excellence award serves to recognize a group or team of individuals who work in the healthcare documentation industry for outstanding accomplishment within a healthcare organization.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD: Sara Berry, CHDS

Sara is an instructor for CanScribe Career College. She enthusiastically dives into any project, task, or teaching opportunity that comes her way. She focuses on clear and effective communication of the course material. Sara also contributes to student success as a supervisor with CanScribe’s practicum, providing tailored feedback to each student she oversees. She answers students’ questions with clarity and patience. Students and co-workers alike appreciate her upbeat, bubbly personality. Her approach makes everyone feel heard, understood, and valued.

This award serves to recognize an individual professional member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of healthcare documentation education.

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD: CanScribe Career College

CanScribe Career College not only teaches students the technical skills needed for transcription but also instills in them a deep sense of responsibility. Their graduates do not just become skilled transcriptionists; they become guardians of medical records, ensuring that every word accurately reflects the health and well-being of patients. CanScribe is actively broadening its scope to align with industry trends and provide students with a diverse array of

program options for cross-training to give their students the best opportunities for success. They know the healthcare industry is always evolving, so they empower their students to thrive by embracing innovation and staying ahead of the curve. With their dedication to excellence and forward-thinking approach, they harness the power of words to prepare their graduates to lead the charge and make a real difference in the healthcare industry.

The School of Excellence award serves to recognize an Educational or Individual Professional member who employs instructors of healthcare documentation courses, for outstanding commitment to the professional development of its students and their success.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Joyce Smith, CRCR, AHDI-F

Joyce has been a member of AHDI since 2012, working in a variety of roles in the healthcare documentation industry spanning 28 years, and served on the Board of Directors from 2016 through 2023. She has served on many task forces and committees, lending her valuable knowledge and input. She was integral to the development and integration of a new program for healthcare documentation integrity auditing, which led other organizations across the country to embrace and implement after she and some coworkers presented on the topic at our 2016 conference. Joyce really has led by example. She's remained devoted to excellence in education, credentialing, and service to and for our members.

The Distinguished Service Award serves to recognize an individual or organization that has demonstrated consistent support of the Association, its goals and objectives, and the profession through services rendered to the industry, sponsorship of AHDI events and projects, and/or contribution of content expertise and leadership in key AHDI initiatives. This honor is awarded by the AHDI National Leadership Board.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Diane Warth, RHIT, CPC, CHDS, AHDI-F

Diane has participated in leadership at the former local, state, and regional levels, serving in roles to that included president, secretary, and delegate. She has supported AHDI through her attendance of past Advocacy Summits as well as numerous annual conferences. She served two terms on the Board of Directors from 2011 to 2017, as well as a term as Secretary from 2013 to 2014. She has shared her wealth of knowledge while serving on numerous committees and task forces over the years, some of which have included the communications team, the Strategic Initiative Committee, the Product Development Team, a committee that submitted comments for Meaningful Use, the Nominating Committee, the Conference Program Committee, the Awards Committee, and the Ethics Committee. She also is a past Distinguished Service Award winner in 2021.

The Lifetime Achievement Award serves to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Association and industry over the course of his/her professional career and has left a resonating footprint on the Association and its members. This is the highest honor bestowed by AHDI and is awarded by the AHDI National Leadership Board.

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About AHDI

The [Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity](https://www.ahdionline.org) (AHDI) is a not-for-profit association representing the individuals and organizations in healthcare documentation. AHDI leads, educates, and advocates for professional excellence and integrity in all aspects of healthcare documentation practices worldwide. We envision a future where optimal healthcare outcomes are supported by complete and accurate patient health stories. Learn more about AHDI by visiting our website, www.ahdionline.org.