

Biomedical Informatics Program: Impacting the Profession at All Levels

M.S.B.I. Student and Alumni Network (SAN)

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Inception of this network has been supported by the Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.B.I.) Program national and international students. The network's mission draws upon the varied experience of its members to advance professional goals while recognizing the indispensable role the network holds in the growth and development of its students. The network's purpose is to engage and challenge each student to advance professionally and to grow individually as a student mentor. The network's goals are established through input and consensus among its members, as recommended by committee leaders such as Josean Malcolm, Rahel Abay, Bryan Cook, and Mark Carnemolla.

In addition, the network alliance with Jim Mckeen, president of the South Florida Chapter of the Health Information and Management Systems Society (SFL-HIMSS) has fostered the development of various student initiatives such as question-and-answer sessions, conferences, activities/meetings, internships, and jobs. The network's ongoing goal is to provide relevant information for students to continue to advance in their professional careers. To access the SFL-HIMSS Web site, please visit <http://www.sflhimss.org/abouthimss/abouthimss.html>.

South Florida Healthcare Trade Faire and Regional Conference

In October, M.S.B.I. students attended the South Florida Healthcare Trade Faire and Regional Conference at the Signature Grand in Davie, which is an event that brings the nation's leading health care solutions companies face to face with the region's leading health care executives and professionals. The M.S.B.I. Program had a booth for student and faculty recruitment, which provided a great opportunity for current students to meet and greet keynote speakers, presenters, and the professionals from the health information technology fields.

AMIA Conference



In November, M.S.B.I. Program leadership, students, alumni, and faculty members attended the American Medical Informatics Association's (AMIA) annual conference held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. The conference, which is touted as the world's most comprehensive annual meeting on biomedical and health informatics, included paper and poster presentations, demonstrations, panels, keynote addresses, tutorials, and

workshops. The M.S.B.I. Program had a booth set up for student and faculty recruitment and even held a raffle for an iPad.



M.S.B.I. Student Participates in NSU Biggest Loser Contest

In an effort to embark on a journey to a healthier lifestyle, M.S.B.I. student Mark Carnemolla has been accepted into NSU's 2011 Biggest Loser weight loss contest. Carnemolla will participate in a program that requires a significant time commitment to allow for blood draws, physical and fitness assessments, team workouts, nutrition workshops, food journals, team challenges, and regular weigh-ins.

Employment News

Thanks to the training they have or are currently receiving in the college's M.S.B.I. Program, the following students and graduates have procured a number of prestigious professional positions:

Patrick Casimir, clinical application analyst III at Kingman Regional Medical Center in Kingman, Arizona.

Bryan Cook, implementation consultant at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mohammed "Monty" Islam, principal solution architect in health information technology at AAJ Technologies in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mohammed Jobran, RA systems supervisor in the Saudi Food and Drug Authority Regulatory Affairs Department in Saudi Arabia.

Vidya Prakasam, demonstrations project officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Office of Research, Development, and Information in Baltimore, Maryland.

Luz Rodriguez, clinical analyst at Orlando Health Systems in Orlando, Florida.

Darnell Smith, R.N., nurse educator/clinical informatics at Veterans Health Administration in Shawnee, Oklahoma.