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## MAHIMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 UPDATE

Due to current health crisis, MaHIMA has cancelled our [MaHIMA Annual Conference](#) rescheduled October 4-6, 2020. PLEASE NOTE: All hotel room reservations at the Seacrest have been cancelled. We are working to offer a virtual option. Please check our [MaHIMA calendar of events](#) for all event information. We are hosting webinars to offer CEUs for our members and other CEU opportunities posted on LinkedIn and Facebook. Please stay safe and well!

## JULY 2020- PRESIDENT LETTER

To My Fellow HIM Professionals,

It has been an honor to serve as President of our association for the past year. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all our members for their continued support of our organization's endeavors. [Read more here.](#)

Robin Andrews, M.Ed., RHIA, CCS  
MaHIMA President

## FINANCE REPORT – THIRD QUARTER YEAR TO DATE (JULY – MARCH 2020)

I hope you and your families are all well and safe as we continue to weather all the challenges we have been facing, working and living with COVID-19. It should come as no surprise that there will be an impact on the MaHIMA budget for this fiscal year and likely the next.

The elimination of face to face meetings starting in March affected our planned workshops and of course the annual meeting, which was postponed until October. Elisa Pelchat, our Administrative Director and the Education Committee under the leadership of Melissa Roberts have done a fantastic job of turning several of our workshops into virtual meetings and increasing our webinars to weekly, providing the membership with more virtual options for education. While virtual meetings are less expensive to host due to the elimination of meal expense and room rentals, there are still fixed expenses for the association that are independent of meetings. [Read more here.](#)

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## 2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED!

The Student Achievement Award has been awarded to two recipients of local HIM programs. This award is given annually recognize a HIT or HIM student for their academic achievements, demonstrated leadership, and high ethical and moral values.

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This year's recipients of the 2020 Student Achievement Award: Meghan Chalke, Fisher College and Andrew J. Bellotti, Springfield Technical Community College. Congratulations on a job well done!

Janis Tse, RHIA,  
MaHIMA Award Chair

## 2019-2020 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Here is a summary of the MaHIMA Communication Committee's work for the past year:

- **Member Benefit Awareness** – Utilized blogs, surveys, Connect and e-Alerts as well as member scholarships, welcomed new/transferred members, members with new credentials, and introduced the new credential scholarship available to ALL newly credentialed members.
- **School Awareness** – Worked with Member-at-Large Mariann Smith to address student awareness, onsite school and community visits.
- **MaHIMA Connect** – Featured quarterly President's Message, Finance/Budget updates, Committee updates and projects.
- **MaHIMA Stay Connected** – Published bi-weekly and included Member Spotlights, Hot Topics in HIM, Contemporary HIM Activities. Opportunities for short blog entries like Coding Tips, IG Tips, Management Tips, HR Tips or any HIM related topic are welcome for publishing.

Everyone is a SME (subject matter expert) about something...share your tip!!!

- **MaHIMA Awards Committee** - awarded several Awards this year, although the Team Excellence and Student Awards are yet to be presented due to the COVID restrictions
  - Advocacy Award – presented at Dot Wagg Legislative Seminar Nov 2019
    - Bibi Von Malder
  - Individual Awards – presented at Winter Meeting Feb 2020
  - Team Excellence Award – normally presented at Facility – 1 Awardee
    - UMass Memorial DRG Validation Team
  - Student Awards – normally presented at school/event- 2 selectees awarded 2020
    - Andrew Bellotti - Springfield Tech
    - Meghan Chalke – Fisher College

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