

Leah Goguen – 2011

This award is available annually to recognize an individual who has demonstrated excellence and achievement in the practice of health information management and has made a significant contribution to the health information management profession in New Brunswick. The first recipients were Margaret Heenan and Margaret MacDonald in April 1992. They were two of the founding members of the New Brunswick Health Information Management Association (NBHIMA) and provided insight and leadership in the health information management profession.

This year's recipient of the Margaret Award is Leah Goguen.

Leah graduated from the Halifax Infirmary School of Health Records Science in 1994. She has continued with her education by obtaining a certificate in Adult Education from UNB Fredericton in 2007.

Leah is currently the coordinator and lead instructor of the Health Information Management Program at NBCC Moncton, a position she has held since 2004. Prior to her role at NBCC Leah worked as a Health Data Analyst and Health Information Management Administrator in hospitals in Saint John, Moncton and Vancouver. Throughout her seventeen-year career, she has obtained experience in the three domains of HIM practice - with most of her career in industry focused in the domain of data quality.

Leah is proud to be an active member of CHIMA and NBHIMA. She served on the NBHIMA executive for six years and was president from 2005 to 2007. Currently she volunteers on the CHIMA Exam Sub-committee and the NHIMA Chapter Model Task Team. She has written several articles for both the New Brunswick and Canadian association newsletters. Her most recent challenge included co-authoring a chapter in the first Canadian health information management practice textbook published in 2008.

Leah has a passion for promoting the HIM profession and enjoys the opportunities to speak to students, individuals, and agencies about the HIM program and profession.

I am sure you would all agree with me when I say I think Leah is very deserving of this award.

Please join me in congratulating Leah as she comes to receive the Margaret Tribute to Excellence Award.



Leah Goguen and Tara Stewart
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