

HIMSS SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

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Dear Esteemed Members of the South Florida HIMSS Chapter,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. As your Chapter President, it is with immense pride that I reach out to you through our cherished newsletter, to reflect on the moments that have recently elevated our community and to look forward to the exciting endeavors that lie ahead.

Firstly, I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to every member of our chapter for the recognition we received as a Gold Chapter at the wonderful HIMSS National Conference in Orlando. This accolade is a testament to our collective commitment to advancing health information and technology in our region.

At the same gathering, we had the honor of celebrating the extraordinary achievements of our past Chapter President, Kendall Brown. Kendall's dedication to our mission was recognized on a national level as she was awarded the prestigious 2024 HIMSS Changemaker Award. Her leadership and vision have been pivotal in propelling our chapter to new heights.

I would be remiss if I did not express our deepest gratitude to the ELLKAY team, whose partnership was instrumental in the success of our Happy Hour Mixer. This event, held in collaboration with the Central North Florida HIMSS Chapter, provided a wonderful opportunity for our members to network, share insights, and enjoy each other's company in a convivial setting.

Our Chapter Advocacy team, Dr. Roosevelt DeLos Santos, Dr. Joshua Tarkoff, and Kendall Brown, deserve a special mention for orchestrating another successful Tallahassee Health IT Day at the State Capital. Their efforts in advocating for the advancement of Health IT in our legislative processes are invaluable and deserving of our collective applause.

To our members and board members, your unwavering support and participation made our 'After Holiday' Mixer at Funky Buddha a resounding success. It was a joy to see so many of you dancing into the new year to the beats of our first live DJ – a true celebration of our chapter's camaraderie and zest.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate our 12th Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, scheduled for May 31, 2024, at the beautiful Plantation Preserve. This event is not only a highlight of our social calendar but also a crucial initiative in supporting the educational pursuits within our field.

Additionally, we are excited to recognize the graduating class of our chapter's second cohorts in the Mentor & Mentee program. A heartfelt thank you to the Mentors who have generously contributed their time and expertise. Your role in shaping the future of Health IT leadership is invaluable. To our Mentees, your drive to enhance your skills and professional development is commendable, and we are thrilled to support you on this journey.

In closing, I want to reiterate my sincere appreciation for all that you do. It is your enthusiasm, expertise, and dedication that make the South Florida HIMSS Chapter a beacon of excellence in the Health I.T. community. Let us continue to work together, learn from each other, and lead with innovation as we navigate the exciting path that lies ahead.

Warm regards,

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Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS to the SFLHIMSS Chapter
Designated with the 2023 HIMSS Gold Recognition!

Congratulations to SFLHIMSS Past President, Kendall Brown!

Winner - 2024 HIMSS Changemaker in Health Award

Upcoming 2024 Events

Save the Date

12th Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser
May 31, 2024 | 7:00 AM
Plantation Preserve Golf Course & Club

The HIMSS South Florida Chapter is proud to offer an annual scholarship to students. We invite you to be part of this great initiative by sponsoring the 12th Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser.

Event Details
Friday, May 31st, 2024
7:00 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Plantation Preserve Golf Course & Club
7050 W. Broward Blvd. Plantation, FL 33317

[Register Here!](#)

**South Florida HIMSS Chapter Mentorship Class of 2024
Graduation April 17th, 2024 | 5:00PM – 6:30PM
Alan B Levan Center of Innovation**

(private event)

Past Events

**HIMSS Conference & Exhibition 2024
March 11 – 15, 2024 | Orlando, FL**

**Florida HIMSS HIT Day at the Capitol
January 24 - 25, 2024 | Tallahassee, FL**

**SFLHIMSS 'After Holiday' Mixer | Funky Buddha Brewery
Thursday, January 18 | 6:30 pm - 9:30pm**

Get Involved!

South Florida HIMSS is an active and busy chapter that boasts over 1,820 members. It provides members a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and help influence how technology is used to positively transform healthcare in our own backyard.

If you are interested in joining, please visit <https://www.himss.org/membership-types/individual> to see what membership type is right for you.

If you want to volunteer, please contact the corresponding Board member by clicking [here](#) and they will help orient you to the committee and discuss with you our various opportunities. We are



always looking for volunteers to help with events throughout the year. To volunteer your time at one of our events throughout the year, please email sfl.info@himsschapter.org.

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