Message from the President

Fellow MHA Students,

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday break, and welcome you all back for another semester. I would especially like to welcome all of the new MHA students into the program and MHASA. I think the IU MHA program is growing nicely and has a bright future.

I know it has been a while since we have had any educational or social events but the MHASA Officer Team is going to hit the ground running and we will hopefully have a few good events setup in the near future. As usual, if you have any ideas for educational events or guest speakers (or if there is a healthcare field you would like to learn more about) then by all means let us know! As for social events we are looking into group ticket pricing for an Indiana Pacers game. Later in the spring when all this gloomy weather is gone we have talked about having an event at an Indianapolis Indians’ game.

I believe that last semester went very well and you can read more about the successful toy-drive that we had later in the newsletter (pictures of the toy drop off can also be viewed on the MHASA website). I would like to thank everyone that donated and give a big thanks to Jessica Wiejak for setting up the event. I know we are going to work on another philanthropic event this semester so please stay tuned for that.

Again, welcome back and I wish you all the best of luck in the coming semester!

Sincerely,

Dave Hyatt
President, MHASA

MHA Alumni Profile: Sam Odle, IU MHA ’78

Sam Odle was a 1978 graduate of the Indiana University MHA program, and is currently the president and chief executive officer for Clarian Health System’s adult facilities, Methodist and Indiana University hospitals.

Odle became a 1995 Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has received the Indiana Jefferson Award (1986), Meritorious Hoosier Award (1986), and the National Emerging Leader in Healthcare Award (1990). He is married to Alexis Odle and has three daughters: Tiffany, Olivia, and Montgomery.

1. Education/work background

In 1976, Odle received an X-ray and Allied Health Education degree from Indiana University. Odle then went on to receive his Master of Health Administration degree from Indiana University in 1978.

Odle began his career at Winona Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis in 1970. After serving in progressive positions in the radiology department there, he became assistant administrator of Administrative and…

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RILEY TOY DRIVE WRAP-UP

The Riley Toy Drive was a success for its first year. There was approximately $1,000.00 dollars worth of toys donated to Riley. Riley was extremely grateful, and I am sure that many children had a brighter Christmas due to all of the generous donations.

Thank you to those who donated cash for the toy drive. Those funds were used to purchase $70.00 worth of gifts. A special thanks to Dan Marchetti of Steel Dynamics Corporation based out of Pittsboro, who made the donation of $200.00 worth of Best Buy Gifts cards possible. Thank you also to Karen McGee, Karen Wiejak, Wendy Coglianese, and Joy Harlos for donating numerous items that were listed on the Riley Wish List. Thank you also to Janella Mailcoat and Patti Carrington of Hendricks Regional Hospital for their generous monetary donations.

To all of those MHA student’s who donated, thank you for finding money in your tight budgets to help others. Your generosity and selflessness is acknowledged and appreciated. Thank you to the MHASA members who took time out of their busy studying time to donate the gifts in person.

If you would like to view pictures of the Riley Toy Drive drop off, please visit the MHASA website. We are also currently planning a charitable event for the spring. If anyone is interested in volunteering, finding out more about our spring event, or have any ideas for other philanthropy events, please contact myself (Jessica Wiejak) at jwiejak@iupui.edu.

Thank You and Good Luck This Semester,
Jessica N. Wiejak
Philanthropy Chair, MHASA

PROFILE: IU MHA ALUMNUS SAM ODELE (CONT.)

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..Professional Services for Winona in 1978. In 1979, he was named vice president of Professional Services and Medical Staff Affairs, a position he held until 1981. He then joined Methodist Hospital of Indiana, Inc., as vice president of Operations, later serving as vice president of Professional Services and senior vice president and chief operating officer.

2. Was it your career goal to become a hospital CEO?

No, I did not specifically enter to become a CEO, but I did want to be in a leadership position.

3. How did the IU MHA program help prepare you for your current role as president and chief executive officer for Clarian Health System’s adult facilities, Methodist and Indiana University hospitals?

I feel that the education I received on hospital governance, organizational development, and healthcare finance were the most important subjects that have helped me in my current role today.

4. What is your fondest memory of your time in the IU MHA program?

My administrative residency at Community Hospital in Indianapolis I would have to say was my fondest memory. Working with Alan Hicks and leadership team there was a great start to my career.

5. What advice do you have for current students?

Get as much work experience as possible, and build relationships with other health care executives in the industry. Also, look for opportunities to do community service. This is a low-risk way of developing your written, verbal, and leadership skills. Become active in a professional society, as a way of starting your commitment to lifelong learning.

Sam Odele, FACHE
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