2012 Distinguished Alumni Award

Sheila Bowlds, ’00

Sheila is a Registered Health Information Administrator. Currently the Corporate Director at Beaumont Health System in Southwest Michigan, she has previously held leadership positions at Detroit Receiving Hospital and Henry Ford Health System. In her current role, Sheila is responsible for all acute care and professional medical coding, health information management services, transcription, and clinical documentation improvement for a three-hospital, 1,744-bed healthcare system. Under her leadership, Beaumont was named one of America’s Top 200 Coding Hospitals by Ingenix.

Sheila served as President in 2011-12 of the Michigan Health Information Management Association (MHIMA), a 3,100-member chapter of the 64,000-member American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). She has served MHIMA in various capacities since 1999, including AHIMA Coding Roundtable Coordinator for the State of Michigan, Project Manager of the Michigan Coded Data Integrity Panel and, currently, Immediate Past President. Her efforts earned national awards from AHIMA in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012. Sheila has volunteered as a member of Davenport’s College of Health Professions Advisory Board. She is a recognized leader in the Health Information Management field who gives back to her profession and community.

Sheila and husband Mel Bowlds have two sons, Evan and Parker. They reside in Pleasant Ridge, Mich.