

MHIMA Outstanding Student Award

The MHIMA Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 2019 recipient of its Outstanding Student Award!

This Achievement Award seeks to honor students who have demonstrated excellence, leadership and commitment to the future of the HIM profession and their future career.

Our recipient this year is **Emma Peters-Axtell**. Emma is a senior at the College of St. Scholastica (CSS) and will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in HIM. Her nominator said, *"In addition to being a high achiever academically with a 3.96 GPA, Emma is a well-rounded, enthusiastic, hard-working and motivated student at CSS. She asks appropriate questions, collaborates well with her classmates and faculty, has exceptional problem-solving and critical thinking skills, and she not only participates in but seeks out opportunities where she can learn practical HIM skills, gain HIM experience, and network with HIM professionals."*

In 2018, Emma was the General Chair for planning the MHIMA Region B annual meeting and was active as Vice President of the Student HIM Association (SHIMA). She is a 2018 recipient of the MHIMA Scholarship program, the 2018 recipient of the CSS HIM Department's Sr. Loretta Scholarship, and was nominated by her classmates for the prestigious 2019 Sr. Loretta Leadership award.

One of Emma's most impressive traits is her desire and motivation to learn more about the HIM profession through practical experience. In an effort to learn more about the HIM profession, she sought out and received an HIM internship at Just Associates in Denver, CO, in the summer of 2018. In the fall of 2018, she applied for and received another internship position as a Physician Quality HIM Intern at Essentia Health in Duluth. She is also honing her data management skills as a Data Management volunteer for the Lake Superior Youth Chorus.

Emma is an outstanding role model for HIM students at all levels and she is respected and recognized as such by her classmates and faculty.

Please join us in congratulating Emma at our [Annual Meeting](#), on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019!

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