

Graduation 2013, Healthcare Interpreting Certificate Program, CCSF

As President Elect of the California Healthcare Interpreting Association, CHIA, I congratulate you in your great achievement.

According to the Webster's Dictionary, "Success is the achievement of something intended or desire".

After hard work, attending classes on Wednesdays or Thursdays and Saturdays, doing lots of homework, learning the terminology and standards, practicing the skills during the role plays, doing your internships and completing the final oral exam, you achieve your intended goal of becoming a healthcare interpreter. Felicidades! Congratulations Graduates! You have succeeded!

CHIA is the professional organization of healthcare interpreters in California, and it offers its membership many opportunities for continued education in this field. Some of the regional trainings that have been offered thus far or will be offered in Northern California this year for example are: Palliative Care, CHIA Standards, Workers' Compensation.

During our Annual Education Conference in San Diego on April 26- 27 there will be three skills based pre-conference workshops and 20 regular workshops. There will also be two plenary sessions and welcome reception with Exhibitors, many of them ready to look at your resume.

I invite you to support your professional association by becoming a member and attending the statewide conference in 2014, which will take place in Northern California. CHIA will continue to grow with your participation and provide graduates with the continued education needed to excel in this field.

As a graduate of the program myself (2005), a Spanish Coach for 6 years, and an Instructor during 2008 and 2009, I know first-hand the quality of this program and of its graduates. There are great things in store for you including, the future presidency of CHIA, if you so choose.

I would like to express my gratitude to the sponsors of the graduation event who are often the companies who hire the graduates and who also support your continue education by sponsoring the CHIA conference as well. Thank you sponsors!

Congratulations Graduates!!!

Carmen Castro Rojas
CHIA President
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