2019 GIR Service Award Winner
VINCE SHEEHAN

In 2019, Vince Sheehan was nominated by multiple people and selected to receive the inaugural Service Award of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Information Resources (GIR) for his extraordinary service to the GIR and the broader Information Technology in Academic Medicine Community. Though he passed on September 18, 2018, he will never be forgotten by all those who benefited from his insights, knowledge, and relentless work and dedication to this community.

Vince came to Indiana University in 1998 after a distinguished career working in city government, banking, and health care, becoming CIO of the IU School of Medicine in 2002. Just prior to his IU position, he served as CIO of Methodist Medical Group in Indianapolis and client services director for Methodist Hospital System, Indiana's largest hospital. His contributions to the university were immeasurable, particularly his early involvement in scaling up IU's first learning management system, his creation of a strategic technology plan for the IU School of Medicine, the creation of the chief information security officer role, and the consolidation of IT support following that strategic plan.

Vince led IT for the IU School of Medicine for over two decades, and while there provided unique and distinguished service to the AAMC GIR. He provided leadership in educational IT and IT security in particular for the AAMC while serving on the GIR Steering Committee and guiding important programs, particularly the GIR Leadership Institute (now Leadership in Information Technology) to become one of the preeminent such programs in the country. By 2006 he was inaugural faculty in the GIR Leadership Institute (which he directed in 2008 and 2009). He was also on the GIR Steering Committee from 2006 – 2008, moving into Chair-Elect (2008), Chair (2009), and Immediate Past Chair (2010) roles. Always looking for alliances, he led a partnership with EDUCAUSE, where he was also an early member of their Frye Leadership Institute. His contributions were intellectual as well, notably his co-authorship on *Learning Spaces for Health Care Education: Best Practices in Design* (AAMC Whitepaper, 2009), among others.

Here are a few quotes from those who nominated Vince for the inaugural Service Award to describe his extra level of service that made him truly remarkable:

"Vince was a sea that floated all boats. Everyone he met, he sought to help. His commitments to his friends and colleagues, and he had many, were firm. He saw problems from a unique, and highly pragmatic, perspective. He was a great mentor and a wonderful friend."

"Vince was a mentor and friend to so many of the leaders in the GIR and throughout academic medicine. He was the last of the old guard. Most importantly, he set an example of what national leadership should

be and how we all need to give back. Acknowledging him with this inaugural award would set an appropriately high bar for subsequent recipients."

Indeed, Vince set the bar high for what it means to receive this Service Award. Vince's legacy and the impact on people's lives, careers, and the IT community will never be forgotten.