



Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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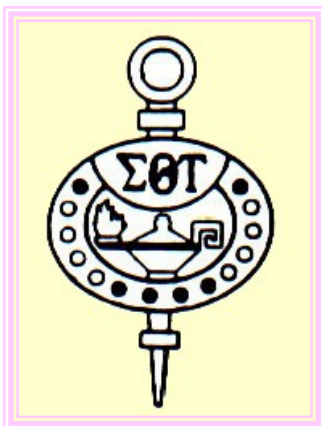
January 2012

Gamma Alpha Chapter presented its first Key Award at 41st Biennium



Left photo: Gamma Alpha chapter delegates Patty Radovich (L) and Ruby Sun. Right photo: Ruby Sun (center) with Past president Erin Morin (left), and STTI CEO Patricia Thompson (right).

Key Award chapters are special. Key award chapters are active, productive and thriving. Over the past two years, Gamma Alpha members have been reporting their activities, and our board members have assured that all chapter duties have been fulfilled. Appreciation goes to all the hardworking members who have made this a reality.



Special recognition goes to Eva Miller, who has lead out in the collection of all the necessary data, and who completed and submitted the report.

Let's do it again for next biennium! Tell us your nursing accomplishments, community service, publications, presentations—anything you do to advance leadership, scholarship and service to: eva.miller@att.net. We have until the 2013 to earn our points.

Gamma Alpha members selected for STTIs NURSE FACULTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Left: Ellen D'Errico
faculty mentor



Right: Asma Taha,
scholar

The Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy (NFLA) is an exciting, challenging opportunity for career development for nurses who are new to the faculty role. Funded by the Elsevier corporation, Sigma Theta Tau has designed this leadership program that runs over a 20-month period. Each scholar (junior nurse faculty member) selects an expert leadership mentor who participates in the Academy workshops, site visits, conference calls and guides the scholar through the leadership development journey and project development. The scholar and mentor are then paired with another expert faculty mentor who actively provides consultation and guidance. It is this triad that forms a functional unit that works collaboratively so that the scholar can achieve her leadership goals.

The mentor and scholar will attend 4-day intensive workshops in February 2012 and 2013. They will also present their project in poster form at the 2013 Biennium convention.

The NFLA selection process is competitive. Congratulations to Ellen and Asma for being selected to participate in this special opportunity for professional growth!

Film, Food and Fellowship Event Friday, February 24, 2012

Join Gamma Alpha chapter for an evening of film, food and fellowship. We will meet at Michelle Simpson's beautiful home in Redlands at 5:30PM for a delicious supper, followed by the documentary "Something the Lord has Made" about infant heart transplants. A short discussion will follow. Please RSVP to Dorothy Forde at: dforde@llu.edu, so we can plan for enough food. We will provide you directions with your RSVP. Please respond by Wednesday, February 22.

Regional Excellence Award Achieved Presented at Biennium

In 1995, six STTI chapters (which included Gamma Alpha) undertook a joint venture to provide an annual research and education conference in southern California (SoCal). Since that time, the planning committee has grown to include 13 chapters representing 15 universities. Our conference goals are to: Promote the goals of the society to increase nurse leaders and scholars; Provide an avenue for dissemination of research, clinical, and educational topics; Utilize role models to encourage excellence in students and colleagues of nursing; Increase networking opportunities and promote collegiality among local chapters; and Encourage nurses to spread their influence globally to effect positive health care change. We have shifted away from a strictly research focus to include more innovation in clinical practice, nursing administration and education with a special effort to have some sessions that are student friendly. Our regional excellence award was announced at biennium.



Voting session at Biennium, Gamma Alpha delegates are at the table!

Upcoming Chapter Events

January 12, 2012—Gamma Alpha Board Meeting 12-1 PM West Hall, LLUSN

February 9, 2012—Gamma Alpha Board Meeting 12-1 PM West Hall, LLUSN

February 24, 2012—Film, Food, and Fellowship 5:30-8 PM private home in Redlands RSVP to dforde@llu.edu

March 8, 2012—Gamma Alpha Invitational Tea, 1-3 PM room 1201 West Hall LLUSN

April 12, 2012—Gamma Alpha Board Meeting 12-1 PM West Hall, LLUSN

April 25, 2012—ANNUAL GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING 5:30-6:45 PM supper served, West Hall Room 1378. Please RSVP to: ederrico@llu.edu

May 10, 2012—Nursing Research Day Conference LLUMC Wong Kerlee Center 8:30-4 PM

May 17, 2012—Gamma Alpha Board Meeting 12-1 PM West Hall, LLUSN

June 6, 2012—Gamma Alpha Induction Ceremony, Basic Sciences Bldg. First floor Amphitheater 4:00-5:15 PM

June 7, 2012—Gamma Alpha Board Meeting 12-1 PM West Hall, LLUSN—OFFICER TRANSITION



2011-2012 Gamma Alpha Board Members

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Ellen D'Errico (term ends June 30, 2012)

PRESIDENT ELECT

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VICE PRESIDENT ELECT

Vacant

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