

# Sigma Theta Tau

## Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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### Odyssey Planning Meeting Held



Representatives from Southern California Sigma Theta Tau Chapters gathered to begin planning for the 2012 Regional Conference, "Odyssey." This year's conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, in Ontario, California on Thursday and Friday November 1 & 2. Conference theme is yet to be determined. There will be a call for abstracts for both research and innovative projects. Representatives from Gamma Alpha Chapter attending the meeting were Dorothy Forde and Ellen D'Errico.



Our region was recognized with a regional excellence award this past biennium for 16 years of "Odyssey." This conference provides nurse scholars, innovators, clinicians, educators and students an opportunity to showcase their work, and be treated to fabulous keynote speakers, networking and great food!

Call for abstracts will be announced soon. The deadline for abstract submission will be the first week of June.



## Call for award nominations



The awards committee will be meeting in April. We need nominations for the following awards to be given at our annual induction ceremony to be held June 6, 2012. Please send us your recommendations for the following awards: Excellence in Education, Excellence in Clinical Practice, Excellence in Research and Excellence in Writing. Nominations are due May 1, 2012.

Qualifications for all awards are available by clicking here----

[http://www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/ga\\_grants\\_scholarship.page?](http://www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/ga_grants_scholarship.page?)

## Annual Business Meeting to be held

Gamma Alpha chapter's annual business meeting will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2012 in West Hall room 1378 from 5:15 PM-6:15 PM. A light supper will be served. Come and hear about all of the exciting activities the chapter has been engaged in within the last year. Come and vote for next year's officers! This is a required activity for our chapter and the number of attendees is crucial for our next key award! Come and support your chapter by coming to the meeting.



## Call for Scholarship Applications

Attention students! Gamma Alpha Chapter has two \$750 scholarship awards available this year.

Applications are due May 1, 2012. Click on the link below for an application.

<http://www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/scholarshipaward.page?>

## New potential inductees invited to informa-

Thursday, March 8, 2012 Gamma Alpha held its annual invitational tea. Seventy-three potential inductees were invited to an elegant repast of home made English scones with cream and raspberry sauce, spinach crepes, fruit salad and chocolate cherry trifle (thank you Chris Neish and Eva Miller).

Hot tea was served British style with elegance and grace by President Elect, Dorothy Forde. Invitees were provided with information on the benefits of joining the honor society and how to accept their invitation to membership. Invited students mingled with Gamma Alpha board members and member faculty for enjoyable meeting and greeting. A pleasant and informative time was had by all!



# Upcoming Chapter Events

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

April 26, 2012—ANNUAL GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING 5:30-6:45 PM supper served, West Hall Room 1378. Please RSVP to: [ederrico@llu.edu](mailto: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 4:30-5:45 PM

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



# 2011-2012 Gamma Alpha Board Members

## **PRESIDENT**

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

## **PRESIDENT ELECT**

Dorothy Forde (2 year terms begins July 1, 2012)

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

Christine Neish (term ends June 30, 2012)

## **VICE PRESIDENT ELECT**

Vacant

## **SECRETARY**

Carolyn Davidson (term ends June 30, 2012)

## **TREASURER**

Delores Wright (term ends June 30, 2012)

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Patti Radovich, Michelle Ballou, Kathie Ingram, Lisa Waggoner

## **LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION COMMITTEE**

Cora Caballero, Ruby Sun, Lisa Highton, Ysis Mercado

## **COUNSELOR**

Peggy Burns—1st year faculty counselor

Megan Schatzschneider—2nd year faculty counselor

## **NEWSLETTER**

Ellen D'Errico

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