

# Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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## Gamma Alpha Member Influences National Health Policy



Eileen Fry-Bowers PhD, JD, PNP, RN attended the Academy Health National Health Policy Conference and meetings at the Maternal Child Health Bureau, the Children's Hospital Association and the National Institutes of Health—where she discussed research activities regarding child health services in the wake of implementation of the ACA.

Dr. Fry-Bowers pictured here in the Press Room at the White House.

## **“Publish Don’t Perish” Series**

### **Luncheon sponsored by Gamma Alpha February 15, 2013**



“Publish Don’t Perish” is a webinar series about how both faculty and clinicians can improve their scholarship by writing for publication. The series has been a monthly morsel of marvelous methodology in terms of how to better approach our skills in scholarly writing. The Gamma Alpha Chapter sponsored lunch (if you feed them, they will come) for the noon hour event. February’s webinar was entitled, “Writing Book Chapters.” This informative se-

### **LLUMC’s 14th ANNUAL NURSING CONFERENCE**

#### **Thursday, May 9, 2013**

The 14th Annual Nursing Research and Innovation Conference in honor of nurse’s week will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 8AM-4PM in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center in the Chan Pavilion on the Loma Linda University campus. This year’s theme: “Best Practice: Incorporating Evidence in Your Daily Routine.” Gamma Alpha Chapter is one of the conference’s sponsors. This counts as one of our required scholarly programs that chapters must provide each year to remain viable. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to all registrants. To register for this event go to: <http://myllu.llu.edu/owl> .



## **GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER INFORMATIONAL/INVITATION TEA AND OPEN HOUSE, MARCH 14, 2013**

The Annual Gamma Alpha Informational/Invitational Tea was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 in room 1201 in West Hall from 1-3PM. The tea was run “Open House” style to accommodate student’s busy schedules. Information, tea and sweets were plentiful. Special thanks to Joanna Shedd’s dad for making spanakopita, Christine Neish and Eva Miller for making home made scones, and to all board members who came by to set up and clean up. We have 91 potential inductees this year. Induction will take place June 12, 2013 at 4:30 PM in the Chan Auditorium at Loma Linda Elementary School.





The students were proud and excited that they had “made the grade.” Those eligible: 46 undergraduate students, 42 graduate students (including DNP & PhD students) and 3 Nurse Leaders.



The room was elegantly set. Flower arrangement was donated by Ralph & Ellen D’Errico.







Students had the opportunity to mingle with board members and active member faculty.



Michelle Ballou  
MS and LLUSN  
faculty looks  
over the good-  
ies.



Ellen D'Errico, past  
president talks to  
potential inductee  
about the benefits of  
membership.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 16, 2013 12-1PM Gamma Alpha Board Meeting
- West Hall, King Conference Room
- April 25, 2013 Annual Chapter Business Meeting
- West Hall Room 1378, 5-6:30 PM Supper will be served
- May 9, 2013 14th Annual Nurse's Week Research Conference, "Best Practice: Incorporating Evidence in your daily Routine", Wong Kerlee Conference Center 8AM-4PM Continental Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- May 21, 2013 12-1PM Gamma Alpha Board Meeting
- West Hall, King Conference Room
- June 12, 2013 Gamma Alpha Induction Ceremony

Chan Auditorium, Loma Linda Elementary School

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### SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT!

Look for showings around campus of the award winning movie, "Nurses: If Florence Could See Us Now." There will be showings all during Nurse's Week at all Loma Linda Health sites (LLUMC, Behavioral Medicine Center, LLUMC Murrieta, and at the Centennial Building on the LLU campus. Admission is free. **DO NOT MISS THIS FILM.** It will make you feel proud to be a nurse! (Dates and times TBA)

Don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook. You can find us by searching Facebook with "STTI Gamma Alpha Chapter."

Help us get points for our KEY AWARD! Go to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) and click on "My Membership." You will need to log in. Once you are logged in, click on "VIP Profile." There is no obligation to volunteer unless you want to. If FIVE members do this, we will get another point on our Key Award Application. We are making progress—but we still have a ways to go!

