

# Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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## Gamma Alpha Chapter Recognized with KEY AWARD!

We have just received a letter from the national office that our chapter, Gamma Alpha will be awarded our first KEY AWARD at this year's Biennium convention in Grapevine, Texas. Chapters who earn a key award are recognized for their members contributions to scholarship, community service, and nursing leadership. It also means that our board members work hard and have fulfilled all obligations outlined in the bylaws in a timely, excellent manner. Special thanks to Eva Miller for leading out in this project. We could not have done it without Eva and all our wonderful members that contributed their information!

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more, learn more, and become more, you are a leader."*

*John Quincy Adams*



Eva Miller: Archivist and data collector and report writer for Biennium "Key Award."

### Fourth Annual "Believe and Walk for a Cure" Sunday, October 2, 2011

This events grows more popular every year. If you and your friends/family decide to participate—could you please send us a picture? We will feature all participants who send us a picture in an upcoming newsletter. For information and registration (you can register with our team, Gamma Alpha) go to:

[http://www.believeinlandempire.com/site/TR?fr\\_id=1030&pg=entry](http://www.believeinlandempire.com/site/TR?fr_id=1030&pg=entry)

Send pictures to: [ederrico@llu.edu](mailto:ederrico@llu.edu)



## Research Award Recipient Deanna Stover Defends Dissertation



Left to right: Betty Winslow, Deanna Stover, Patty Pothier, Mark Haviland

Deanna Stover, recipient of STTI Gamma Alpha Chapter research funds, has completed her dissertation research and was recently awarded a PhD in Nursing from Loma Linda University School of Nursing. The purpose of Dr. Stover's research, *Foundation for Evaluating Injured Firefighters Returning to Work*, was to establish a foundation for developing an evidence-based assessment guideline to be used by nursing and medical personnel when evaluating a firefighter's ability to return to work after a lower extremity injury. Two on-line survey instruments were used to record the opinions and beliefs of healthcare providers and firefighters. The final samples included 63 California healthcare providers (with and without professional work experience with firefighters) and 312 California firefighters. Findings from the study provide information on testing and assessment modalities used by healthcare providers, the use of evidence-based guidelines by healthcare providers, the adoption and use of NFPA 1582, and the essential functions for a firefighter job from a firefighter's perspective. Dr. Stover has identified implications from her study for developing an evidenced-based assessment guideline to be used in evaluating firefighters returning to work and for policy implementation at the State and local levels.

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## HELP WANTED!

We are pleased that members are expressing an interest in becoming involved with the Gamma Alpha chapter. Many ask how they can help. Here is a list of things that we would love some help with:

Newsletter and communications

Member outreach

Volunteers to help out at events such as Odyssey (Cerritos, October), the annual invitational tea (March), the annual business meeting (April), and the induction ceremony (June)

Board member positions needed for next year (elected in April 2012)

- Treasurer
- President Elect
- Vice President
- Leadership Succession committee members
- Governance Committee members

## EVENTS FOR OCTOBER—SAVE THE DATE

October 2, Sunday—4th Annual Believe and Walk for a cure, State St. Redlands 8AM

October 6, 2011—Board Meeting 12-1PM West Hall

October 17-19, 2011—Osaka students come for 3-day workshop on U.S. nursing

October 20 & 21, 2011—SOCAL regional chapters annual conference, Cerritos, CA

October 29-November 3, 2011—Sigma Theta Tau International Biennium Convention, Grapevine, Texas

