



## *Gamma Alpha Chapter News*

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### **2014 Annual Induction Ceremony Held**



**The 38th annual Gamma Alpha Chapter induction ceremony took place on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Sixty-one students and two nurse leaders accepted an invitation to membership. You can see from all the smiling faces, our new inductees are very proud to be selected to be part of an international organization whose mission is “advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service.” Welcome new members!**

## Scenes from the 2014 Induction Ceremony

*“High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectations.”*

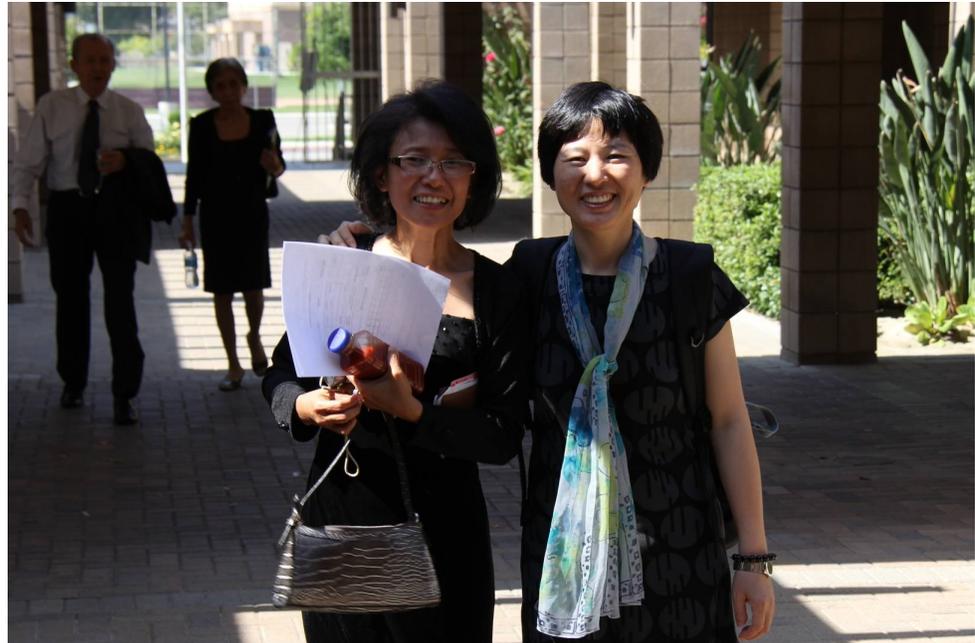
Charles Kettering

*“Excellence is not a skill, it is an attitude.”*

Ralph Marston

*“The ability to focus attention on important things is a defining characteristic of intelligence.”*

Robert J. Shiller



(L) Cherie Perfanco , PhD student and new inductee

(R) YuQin Pan, PhD graduate 2014, recipient of \$500 research grant



The Taylor family graced us with special music. Rilla Taylor, French horn, Elizabeth (Rilla's mom) played flute and Lyndon Taylor was on the piano.



Keynote speaker: : Dr. Gina S. Brown PhD RN, faculty member at LLU school of nursing spoke on, “Transforming Care: One Nurse at a Time”



Jan Nick PhD, RNC-OB, CNE, ANEF

Is this year’s recipient of the Gamma Alpha Chapter’s “Excellence in Mentoring” award that read:

Exemplary mentoring by shaping and promoting the careers of nursing students and colleagues through tutoring, encouraging and inspiring others



Lisa Roberts, DrPH, RN

Is this year’s recipient of the Gamma Alpha Chapter’s, “Excellence in Research” award.

Dedication to the pursuit of inquiry and discovery contributing to a better understanding of the needs of vulnerable populations, the development of nursing science and improved patient care.

## Scholarship and Research Grant Awardees



(L) Undergraduate Brittany Juergens \$1,000.  
Graduate student Terri Gibson (not pictured) \$1,000  
( R ) Past President Ellen D'Errico, chair, awards committee

Research Grant awardees:  
(L) YU Qin Pan PhD graduate \$500  
Anne Berit Petersen PhD(c) (not pictured) \$1,000

**THANK YOU ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR PROVIDING THE FUNDS FOR OUR CHAPTER GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS!**



## 2014 BS/MS Graduates: Is further education in your future?

*Consider a doctoral degree! Beginning the 2015-2016 school year, two exciting events will occur at LLUSN.*

1. The BS to DNP program is inaugurated.
  2. Recruitment commences for selection of the next PhD student cohort beginning summer 2016.
- The DNP (doctor of nursing practice) is a clinical doctorate and is the path to an advanced practice nursing role (nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist).
  - The PhD prepares nurse scientists for research, scholarship, and development of new knowledge in nursing.
  - For further information contact: Andreia Sillviera at [graduatenursing@llu.edu](mailto:graduatenursing@llu.edu), or call 909-558-4923.

**MANAGE YOUR CAREER, DON'T LET YOUR CAREER MANAGE YOU!**

### GAMMA ALPHA MEMBER DEVELOPED A WINNING CAPSTONE PROJECT

“African American Men, Shared Decision Making and Prostate Cancer,” was the title of Lynette Sandiford’s DNP capstone project. The project was developed because of her passion for serving the unique health needs of diverse populations. Working in radiation oncology, she saw first-hand too many African American men diagnosed with prostate cancer in its later stages. Lynette worked tirelessly with community stakeholders to design a culturally sensitive, relevant, and collaborative educational outreach concerning prostate cancer screening guidelines. She developed attractive, evidenced-based screening tools that physician offices and clinics are requesting permission to use. Dr. Sandiford presented a poster on her project at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Western Institute of Nursing, Seattle, Washington, April 11, 2014. She submitted an abstract and is selected to do a podium presentation at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 2 Joint Southern California Chapters (Sigma Theta Tau International) Research and Innovation Conference in Ontario, California, November 2014. Her project created much interest in the community, and on May 8, 2014 she was interviewed on local cable TV channels 33 (English) and 99 (Spanish) on the program, “Community Pulse”. She is in the process of finishing a manuscript for publication in the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing on this project. Her project is nominated for American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s “Outstanding Capstone Project Awards.” (Lynette Sandiford pictured center with her family).



## CLASS OF '56 DONATES SCHOLARSHIP TO HONOR DR. EVA MILLER



The nursing class of 1956, of which Eva Goodlet Miller was a member, planned a class reunion earlier this year. The untimely passing of Eva was a shock to all her class members, who remembered her as a faithful friend and gentle spirit. In her honor, the class collected funds to be used towards a scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year. Eva would have been humbled and honored by this gesture of generosity. Thank you, class of 1956!

## 2014-2015 Gamma Alpha Chapter Board Members

President: Carolyn Davidson

Vice President: Eileen Fry-Bowers

Treasurer: Jan Nick

Secretary: Megan Volkov

1st year faculty counselor: Vanessa Jones-Oyeteso

2nd year faculty counselor : Fayette Truax

Governance & Eligibility: Asma Taha, Diana Van der Linden, Kimberly Buck, Lisa Roberts, Noel Thakkar

Leadership Succession Committee: Dorothy Forde, Alycia Bristol,

Michelle Ballou, Cora Caballero

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## ***Presidential Call to Action: LEAD GLOBALLY, SERVE LOCALLY, TRANSFORM REGIONALLY***

Members can “serve locally” and “transform regionally” in terms of cancer care services for patients in the Inland Empire by joining TEAM GAMMA ALPHA at the 2014 Annual “Believe and Walk for a Cure” on Sunday, October 5, 2014 beginning at 8AM in downtown Redlands, California. We want to exceed our fundraising goal and go beyond our wildest dreams! Join us by either walking or donating.

[Join Team Gamma Alpha](#) (press control, click)

Meet us at 7:30 AM Sunday  
on the steps of the Smiley Library  
for a team photo at:  
125 W Vine St, Redlands, CA 92373



## **Do not miss this year's Odyssey Conference! "Lead Globally, Serve Locally, Transform Regionally"**

NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2014 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Ontario Doubletree Hotel

222 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, CA

**Registration:** Online registration is available at <http://odyssey2014.eventbrite.com>. Everyone who registers with a postmark by October 23, 2014 will get their name entered into a contest drawing. The winner will get their registration fees reimbursed. If you choose to register via mail, Make checks payable to: *So. Ca. STT Research Fund*. Mail to Marlene Ruiz, 1574 Penasco Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. For same-day registration, add \$25.00 per day for registration fees. For more information about the conference check web page

<http://gammagamma.sdsu.edu/> or <http://www.omicrondelta.net/> or e-mail: [marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org](mailto:marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org)

	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Both days</i>
<i>RN</i>	\$150 *	\$150 *	\$275 *
<i>Student</i>	\$ 75 *	\$ 75 *	\$140 *
<i>Retired RN</i>	\$80 *	\$80 *	\$150 *
<i>(Non-working)</i>			