

# Gamma Alpha Chapter News



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## Back to School Week—Get to Know Your Honor Society Display



Hundreds of students at the Loma Linda University School of Nursing had the opportunity to stop by the Gamma Alpha “Get to Know Us” table display that was set up all during orientation week. A large poster is part of the display giving the history of Sigma Theta Tau International, information on the purpose and mission of the honor society as well as data on current number of chapters and number of members world wide. Information about when the Gamma Alpha chapter was chartered, how one becomes eligible for membership, planned activities for this year was also displayed. Students could also sign up to be selected to be sponsored to attend this year’s 2012 Nursing Odyssey to be held in Ontario, California. Students were also invited to sign up for one of 6 volunteer spots left on the Gamma Alpha Nurse’s Float Decorating Team. Many students signed up and we have made our selections of students to sponsor.

## Gamma Alpha members participate in the 5th Annual "Believe and Walk for a Cure" in Redlands, CA



Above—Team Gamma Alpha



Over 12,000 from the community participated



Ready—Set—BELIEVE!



Everybody and their dog was there (horses too)!







Gamma Alpha Chapter members were honored to be a part of this wonderful community effort. Our members raised approximately \$250. The community and corporate sponsors raised over \$500,000 this year alone which makes 2million raised over the last 5 years! Proceeds have gone to the Loma Linda University Cancer Center for a patient resource center; to St. Bernadine Medical center for improved breast imaging equipment, to Redlands Community hospital for cancer support services, and to Michelle's Place, Temecula, an organization that provides food and other life resources for women in need going through cancer treatment.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 1 & 2:** Annual Nursing Odyssey Joint SOCAL Chapters Regional Research and Innovation Conference held at the Doubletree Hotel, Ontario California. For registration information contact: [ederrico@llu.edu](mailto:ederrico@llu.edu)

**November 6, 2012:** Board Meeting West Hall 12-1PM

**December 27, 2012:** Rose Parade Float Decorating Team will be working on the "Nurses Float—A Healing Place" for the Tournament of Roses Parade. *(Our team is full. If you would like to be on the waiting list, notify [ederrico@llu.edu](mailto:ederrico@llu.edu)).*

**February 15, 2013 12-1PM—**Publish Don't Perish Series, West Hall, room TBA, lunch served, 6th session in series of 8.

**March 2013—**Gamma Alpha Invitational Tea, Date TBA

**April 2013—**Annual Business Meeting, Date TBA

**May 2013—**Research and Innovation Conference, Date TBA

**June 12, 2013—**Annual Induction Service 4:30-5:45 PM, Basic Sciences 1st Floor Amphitheater.

### Awards Committee Forming

**Want to be active in Gamma Alpha, but don't have a lot of time? Join our awards committee! The purpose of this committee is to choose people that will be honored with awards and scholarships at our annual induction ceremony. It will be approximately THREE meetings from now until the first week of May. Contact Ellen D'Errico at:**

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**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!**

