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Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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Gamma Alpha Members present at the 24th Annual International STTI Research Congress In Prague, Czech Republic



Gamma Alpha Chapter was represented at this year's 24th International Nursing Research Congress of STTI in Prague, Czech Republic, July 22-26, 2013. Iris Mamier (pictured right), PhD, RN presented a paper co-authored by Betty Winslow, PhD, RN and Elizabeth Johnston Taylor, PhD, RN entitled: "Nurses' spiritual care practices: Initial psychometrics of a new tool and correlates of spiritual care." The session was moderated by Ahlam Jadalla (pictured left), PhD, RN, graduate of the LLU PhD nursing program, member of Gamma Alpha Chapter and Assistant Professor at California State University Long Beach. Ahlam also did a podium presentation entitled: "Health promotion practices and general health among Jordanian adults: A descriptive study." The conference was attended by some 900 participants and was a wonderful research collaboration opportunity for nurses from all over the world.

"High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation"

Charles F. Kettering

“ESCAPE FIRE” NATIONAL SHOWING A BIG SUCCESS!



Fifty participants attended the Loma Linda site of the national debut of the award winning film, “ESCAPE FIRE: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare”. This documentary tackles one of the most pressing issues of our time: how can we save our badly broken healthcare system? ESCAPE FIRE examines the powerful forces maintaining the status quo, a medical industry designed for quick fixes rather than prevention, for profit driven care rather than patient-driven care. This film follows dramatic human stories and leaders fighting to transform healthcare at the highest levels of medicine, industry, government, and even the US military. ESCAPE FIRE is about finding a way out. It's about saving the health of a nation. Special thanks goes to: Ashley Elston-Hurdle for coordinating and planning the event; Gamma Alpha Chapter and Preventive Medicine for sponsoring the food!



Chapter President Dorothy Forde (right) with student from Preventive Medicine. Ashley Elston-Hurdle (right).

2013 STTI Region 2: SOCAL Joint Chapters Nursing Odyssey

“Voices of Nurses: Past, Present, and Future”

October 31, & November 1, San Diego, CA

Our regional research and innovation conference continues to get better every year! Approximately 300 attended the conference (total of both days attendance) held at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego, California. Top quality nationally respected keynote speakers inspired all attendees. Podium and poster presentations were outstanding! Gamma Alpha Chapter sponsored 6 LLUSN students to attend this wonderful event. Several Gamma Alpha member's posters were selected for presentation. A big thanks to Dr. Marilyn Herrmann for her support of sending faculty and Jan Michaelis, who expertly coordinates all technical aspects of presentations and who saves the day when computers act up!



Six students were sponsored to attend Odyssey. Thursday's attendees Adah Fisher and Jennifer Buchheim (not pictured); Friday's attendees (left to right) Pam Albaugh, Ellen D'Errico (faculty), Amal Alaskar, Alicia Kuipers and Amanda Ortega.

Gamma Alpha Members Participate at Odyssey



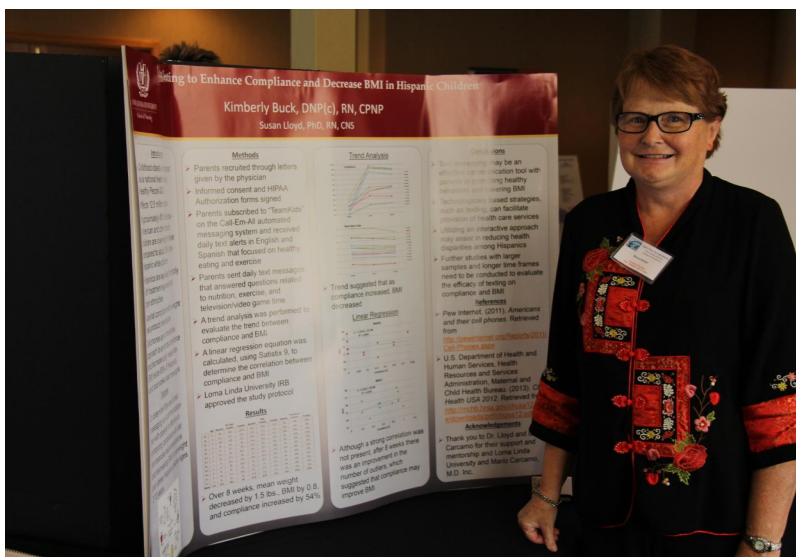
Deborah Bobst DNP, RN

“Pediatric Simulation Training for the Critical Care Specialty Team”



Cora Caballero DNP, RN

“Effect of Group Medical Appointment on Glycemic Control”



Kimberly Buck DNP, RN

“Using Texting to Enhance Compliance and Decrease BMI in Children”

(Kim not pictured, poster set up by Nancy Kofoed)

Asma Taha PhD PNP (not pictured)

“Religion, Family & Adolescent’s Substance Abuse: A Myth or Reality”

Fellowship, Fun learning & Food!



Jan Michaelis' Work for Odyssey Appreciated



Jan Michaelis DrPH presented with award of appreciation for keeping the technology going and working! Thanks Jan, for making our chapter look so good!

Members participate in 6th Annual “Believe Walk” in Redlands October 6



Left to Right:

Dorothy Forde, Ellen D'Errico, Diane VanDerLinden, Lisa Highton, Melissa Tomas & “Finn”

2013 COMING EVENTS

STTI 42nd Biennial Convention

November 16-20, 2013 Indianapolis, Indiana

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