



## GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

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"Championing Nursing Excellence"

### Students Raise Awareness About Gamma Alpha



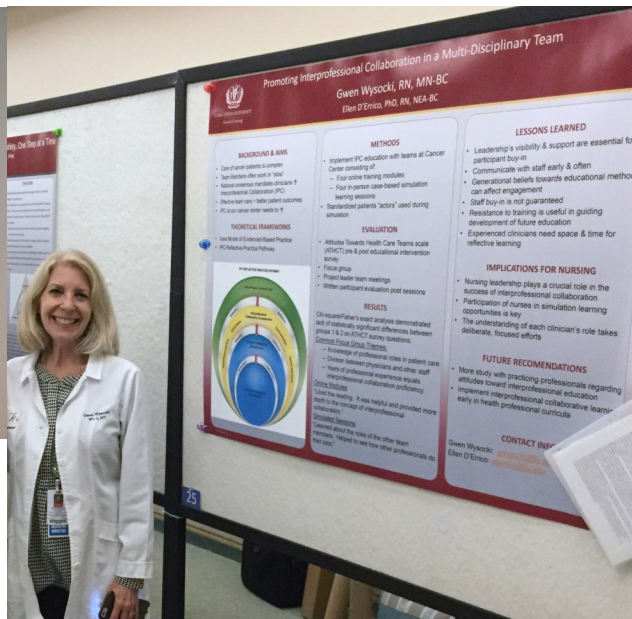
Spring quarter leadership interns Lindsay Kim and Alicia Swistak did a change project involving raising awareness among the Loma Linda University School of Nursing Student Body regarding the purpose, and benefits of being a member of Sigma Theta Tau International and the existence of the Gamma Alpha Chapter. The Lindsay Kim and Alicia Swistak put together a "photo-booth" where students could come and pose for pictures. Information about our chapter and STTI was available and promoted among the student body. The photobooth took place in the school of nursing lobby from 10AM-1PM on May 12, 2016. Door prizes were given. We believe this event, and the projects done by winter quarter interns aided in the student acceptance rate (73%) for this year's induction. We appreciate the enthusiasm and energy the student bring to our chapter!

## 17TH ANNUAL RESEARCH AND EBP CONFERENCE

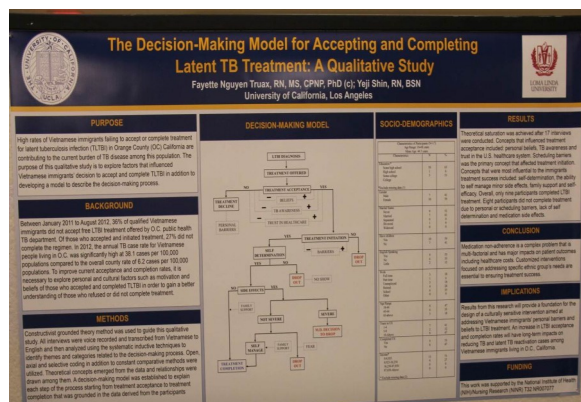
Gamma Alpha Chapter helped sponsor the 17th Annual LLUH Nurses Recognition week nursing research and evidenced-based practice conference. Several Gamma Alpha members presented via podium or poster.



Morning Keynote speaker Aimee Hoskins BSN RN from Vanderbilt University Medical Center presented on "Post Intensive Care Syndrome: Strategies to meet the needs of the patient during and after critical illness"



Gwen Wysocki won a first place award in the EBP category for her poster presentation "Improving Interprofessional Collaboration in a Multidisciplinary Team."



Fayette Truax won first place award On her poster "The Decision-Making Model for Accepting and Completing Latent TB Treatment: A Qualitative Study"



Jennifer Newcomb presented, "Nurse-driven feeding protocol in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Patients"



## 17th Annual Nursing Research and Innovation Conference (cont.)





## Gamma Alpha Annual Business Meeting May 9, 2016



	2016
Total Chapter Members	1823
Active Members	348 (20%)
Inactive Members	1475 (80%)
Total Number of Invitees	122

The chapter is in good financial health after another successful year of programs and activities.

## Business Meeting Election Results

### New Officers

- (15) President – Iris Mamier (2016-2018)
- (16) Vice President – Lisa Roberts (2016-2018)
- (16) Vice President Elect – Fayette Nguyen Truax (2016-2018)
- (16) 1<sup>st</sup> Year Faculty Counselor – Karen Ripley (2016-2018)
- (16) Governance Committee – Shaunna Siler (2016-2018)
- (15) Governance Committee - Kathy Valdeverona (2016-2018)
- (16) Leadership Succession Committee – Erin Heim ((2016-2018)
- (16) Leadership Succession Committee – Vanessa Jones (2016-2018)
- (16) Leadership Succession Committee – Donna Becker (2016-2018)

Continuing positions are as follows:

- Past President – Carolyn Davidson (2015-2017)
- Secretary – Gloria Huerta (2015-2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Faculty Counselor – Kimberly Buck (2015-2017)
- Governance & Eligibility – Kathi Wild (2015-2017)
- Governance & Eligibility – Patti Radovich (2015-2017)

## 43rd Biennium By-Laws Changes Voted

Article III. Membership, Section 2. Qualifications for Membership: text has been simplified, no change in meaning of text.

Article IV. Chapters, Section 1. Definition of Chapter: “schools” has been replaced by “institutions of higher education” – more precise without change in meaning of text

Article VII. Board of Directors, Section 4. Functions: competencies of Board of Directors have been extended: they now not only review applications but also grant approval for chapter charters and charter amendments. The Rationale has been to simplify the process for new chapters to join STTI in a more timely manner.

Article IV. Chapters, Section 9. Probation, Revocation, Dissolution & Section 10. Removal from Probation and Reinstatement of a Chapter: The Board of Directors will deal with and decide upon these issues without making it necessary to discuss individual cases in the House of Delegates.

Article IV. Chapters, Section 2. Organization of a Chapter: An existing chapter may form an **at-large chapter** by *adding* one or more schools or practice settings.

## Gamma Alpha Member Receives Daisy Award

Patricia Radovich PhD CNS was honored to be selected as this year's "Daisy Award" recipient. The announcement was made at the 17th annual Nurses Recognition Week Research and EBP conference on May 12, 2016. The Daisy Award celebrates nurses who provide extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care every day. Congratulations Dr. Radovich!





## 40th Annual Induction Ceremony Held June 9, 2016

Gamma Alpha Chapter is 40 years old, making this year's induction even more special. This year 122 students were eligible for membership, with 89 accepting their invitation (a 73% acceptance rate!). The keynote address was given by Dr. Marilyn Herrman. A special "Nursing Science Champion Award" was presented to Dr. Karen Radke for her support of PhD nursing students. A \$1,000 research scholarship was given to India Medley, and four \$500 scholarships were given to 3 undergraduate and one graduate student.



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