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New Beta Iota Nurse Scholars

On June 8, 2008, Beta Iota Chapter welcomed 119 individuals into the International Nurses Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau International. The ceremony was held at the Kingsgate Marriott. President Nancy Batchelor welcomed the new scholars, speakers, Beta Iota Board members and guests. Dr. Beverly Reigle, Secretary, Sigma Theta Tau International provided the keynote address discussing the past, present and future of the organization requesting that all members participate in the organization's work. Dean Andrea Lindell provided welcome remarks.

Beta Iota Welcomes

Undergraduate Students

- Sydney E. Bostwick
- Elizabeth M. Kauffman
- Erin J. Nace
- Kristen L. Jackson
- Hayley M. Hemm
- Michelle A. Rios
- Kimberly A. Steinriede
- Melissa S. Robers
- Diane A. Wright
- Corrie B. Thomas
- Marissa A. Hitchcock
- Katherine N. Croake
- Megan M. Diddle
- Kristina M. Holder
- Mirko A. Babani
- Anna M. Hoerst
- Janice M. Gramke
- Nicole A. Wampler
- Kristie F. Greivenkamp
- Lindsay D. Baker
- Lindsay G. Sondles
- Michele N. Johnson
- Deanna J. Greathouse
- Amanda M. Sunderhaus
- Sara E. Geiger
- Kathryn M. Zint
- Katie A. Regan
- Kristen L. Weckenbrock
- Whitney P. Bruner
- Amy E. Pettus
- Sarah B. Williams
- Timothy V. Finke
- Katherine M. Coffey
- Rachel L. Dils
- Billy J. Slone
- Jennifer L. Pieper
- Margaret E. Cunningham
- Anna K. Piotrowicz
- Jeffrey S. Ruf
- Rhoda D. Bates
- Alisa L. Cornelius
- Stephanie A. Hauser
- Christina A. Heinzman
- Elizabeth A. Tidd
- Cheryl K. Foulk
- Sherry J. Varney
- Kathleen M. Ball
- Megan M. Loper
- Tova Singer
- Lindsey M. Bischoff
- Farhiya M. Shirwa
- Bethany S. Muchmore
- Jamie A. Stefanski
- Sandra K. McDonnell
- Clara N. Uwamu
- Ujaranne Ifeakanwa
- Ricky J. Melas
- Brian J. Baker
- Nancy Collins
- Susan M. Dehart
- Pamela R. Flere
- Katherine Frantoni
- Julia Froschauer
- Ashley Gribbons
- Charlotta Hedberg
- Jeffrey Johnson
- Kori Martodam
- Mary Rothermich
- Elizabeth Spraker
- Susan Weber
- Kristina Wilson

Graduate Students

- Jennifer R. Bailey
- Mary Pat Bartoszek
- Kimberly S. Beutel
- Amanda Boitnott
- Jamie J. Bourgeois
- Jacquelin P. Burke
- Amy C. Byrne
- Megan E. DeHart
- Jin Dong
- Jennifer S. Duncan
- Patricia A. Froese
- Donna A. Green
- Courtney Hamilton
- Sylvia J. Hawley-Desrosiers
- Erin E. Hillers
- Lori A. Hopwood
- Peggy J. Huffman
- Lauren J. Hughes
- Stacy Humphrey
- Natasha I. James
- Sylyna G. Kennedy
- Faith M. Krull
- Caroline A. Mathis
- Jill E. Melchers
- Mary J. Morrison
- Kathryn Mowery
- Karen K. Newell
- Mary R. Nicholson
- Lynne M. Nowotny
- Sherriann Perivolotis
- Emily E. Pettigrew
- Jodi A. Potterton
- Kevin G. Quinn
- Brenna L. Smallfield
- Melissa S. Smith
- Deborah L. Sonnanstine
- Amanda J. Sylvester
- Patricia L. Taylor
- Allison N. Taylor
- Cynthia G. Trent
- Amy R. Vann
- Cathy M Violette
- Mia Waring
- Heather L. Williams
- Jason T Wolford
- Nixie M. Zavala
- Nurse Leaders
- Lori B. Milliron
- Pamela D. Hunter

NURSE SCHOLARS ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Susan Wallace, RN BSN, CN III

Staff Nurse, University Hospital



As the staff meeting begins, Susan Wallace takes her place among the staff nurses from the unit. Susan is very comfortable in the role of the staff nurse providing direct care to patients on a busy short stay orthopedic and trauma unit but today Susan is fulfilling another role, the role of facilitator. Susan is very active in University Hospital's Professional Practice Organization (PPO). The PPO has worked with nurse executives from University Hospital preparing the Magnet document. In leadership roles within the PPO, Susan is a role model and a mentor and continues this work today. Susan is patient focused when providing care demonstrating this through her actions to the new nurses and the nursing students.

Susan has been a registered nurse for 44 years. She graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in 1964 and earned her BSN from University of Cincinnati in 2005. Susan has provided care for individuals in many specialties over the years – labor and delivery, neuro-surgery, critical care, home health, psychiatry, infectious disease and AIDS. She has been a mission nurse and her travels placed her in Uganda, East Africa providing nursing care and education to individuals in need.

Susan has experienced a variety of roles including staff nurse, nurse manager supervisor and facilitator. Currently, her primary role is Facilitator of Patient Care Services. Susan is recognized by her peers and her profession as a leader. Susan has been nominated for a number of awards in the nursing profession: the Florence Nightingale Award, The Advanced Preceptor Award and the Daisy Award.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And the Ball Keeps Rolling

As Beta Iota continues in its 36th year as the 55th chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, my wish as President is to see a re-energized and vibrant chapter. Recently we celebrated the annual Celebration of Nurse Scholars where 119 new undergraduate, graduate and community leaders were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International and Beta Iota. The majority of our 2600 plus members are inactive - we have only about 750 active members of Beta Iota. Furthermore, attendance at Beta Iota sponsored programs ranges from 10 - 40. Once inducted, we seem to lose touch. In order to survive we need active and engaged members to mentor our newest inductees, to serve on committees and task forces, and to promote scholarship and community service.

Our chapter offers educational programs, is involved in community service activities such as the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure and Walk for the Whisper supporting the ovarian cancer research, and promotes education and research through scholarships and grants. We offer grants and scholarships to students and chapter members who engage in scholarship activities. This fall, STTI will hold the biennial Chapter Leadership Academy in Indianapolis. This is an opportunity for members to network, develop leadership skills and chapter resources while receiving continuing education credit. Additional information can be found at the STTI website. As we begin another year, please join me in active participation in your honor society whether it be as a committee member, a nominator of nurse leaders, or as a program participant.

Let's keep the ball rolling!



# Beta Iota Chapter

## Chapter Goals

The chapter goals will be posted at [www.nursing.uc.edu/SSTI/AboutUs.htm](http://www.nursing.uc.edu/SSTI/AboutUs.htm) when finalized.

## 2008-09 Board Of Directors, Committee & Advisory Council Chairs

### Board Of Directors

President	Nancy Batchelor	<a href="mailto:nancy.batchelor@uc.edu">nancy.batchelor@uc.edu</a>
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Heritage Advisory	TBA	

## Committee, Advisory Council & Task Force News

### Awards & Scholarship Committee

This year at the Annual Leadership and Professional Development Program, the committee presented the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award to Elaine Blomer. A more detailed description of the recipient's description is available on the web site. The Award and Scholarship Committee is comprised of Anita Finkelman, Lisa Long, Debbie Schwytzer and Sarah Woodward. Anita Finkelman has recently stepped down from the role of chair. Thank you to Anita for your leadership, time and commitment to the organization.

### Research Committee

The committee introduced the Article of the Year to recognize excellence in publication and provide incentive for nurse scholars to disseminate their knowledge and expertise. The Committee awarded the Research Grant to Ms. Robin Osterman for her work entitled "Motivational Interviewing Intervention with Women Consuming Alcohol During Pregnancy". A picture of Robin receiving the award is available on the Beta Iota website.

### Leadership Succession Committee

The committee organized and managed the 2008-2009 online ballot which was run from June 3 to June 17. Positions filled were the Vice Presidency-Yvette Pryse; Treasurer-Jane Christianson; Leadership Succession Committee members-Jamey Frasure and Sarah Sauntry. New Member Orientation is tentatively scheduled for September 29. The committee is also working on scheduling the Mentoring Program for October 6, please continue to look for additional developments. The members are developing a recommendation for the BOD to sponsor a chapter member to attend the Leadership Academy.

### Governance Committee

The Governance Committee continued their work this year on inductee eligibility and selection. There were 119 individuals inducted into Beta Iota during the 2008 spring quarter. These inductees were invited to attend the annual Celebration for New Scholars held June 8, 2008. This committee is also responsible for review of the chapter's bylaws and recommending changes to the Board of Directors aligning the chapter's bylaws with the changes made at the International level.

### Program Committee

The Program Committee continues to plan and present continuing education presentations for the chapter. This past year, the committee presented three programs with the fourth in collaboration with SONK. Again this year the committee has begun looking at topics suggested at past presentations for future programs. The committee will continue their work in the STTI local consortium SONK. For more information on upcoming programs, please go the chapter website [www.nursing.uc.edu/STTI/ProgramsEvents.htm](http://www.nursing.uc.edu/STTI/ProgramsEvents.htm). The committee members are Yvette Pryse (Chair), Robin Dennison, Susan McGee, Donna Shambley-Ebron, Ann Schlinkert, and Susan Wallace. Linda D'Erminio will be stepping down as chair and as Vice President. Linda, thank you for your dedication, patience and determination in making each program event a wonderful opportunity for our chapter members.

### Communications Advisory Council

The Communications Advisory Council continues to work on keeping the chapter members up to date with what is happening within the chapter, the region and at the international level. Currently the council in collaboration with Susan Hardin (UCCON Information Technology Analyst) publishes Connections newsletter, updates and maintains the chapter website and designs the program event brochures. The council also publishes the electronic newsletter LINK several times a year with the intent of publishing the electronic newsletter every other month. If you are not receiving the electronic newsletter LINK, please go the [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) to review your membership information and your current email address.

### Finance Advisory Council

The Finance Advisory Council has prepared the 2008-2009 budget and is preparing to present the budget to the Board of Directors for final approval. The chapter has a checking account and the endowment fund. The council has also requested and hired an auditor to perform an audit of the chapter records. The final report is due to the Board of Directors within the month. The chapter would like to thank Denise Gormley for her dedication, patience and hard work keeping the chapter on track with our finances.

### Heritage Advisory Council

Over two years ago, Beta Iota Chapter furnishings, records and archival materials were moved to a smaller room located in the College of Nursing. Unfortunately, the original conference table and chairs were too large for the new room and in February, 2007, the chapter donated these items to Sigma Theta Tau International. A picture of the furniture with the benefactor plaque is available on Beta Iota's website. The Heritage Council, with the Board of Directors approval, has refurbished the new Beta Iota room with a smaller table and chairs and has retained all other furnishing. The room is available to members for BOD, committee, advisory council and task force meetings. Contact Beverly Reigle at 558-5276 or [reiglebs@uc.edu](mailto:reiglebs@uc.edu) to schedule chapter-related meetings.

### Leadership Development Advisory Council

This fall, the Leadership Development Advisory Council will host the third Beta Iota New Member Mentee-Mentor Orientation Program. The council, working in concert with the Leadership Succession Committee, began the mentoring program two years ago by linking a seasoned chapter member with a newly-inducted junior student. The seasoned members agreed to serve as mentors for one year. Pairing a new member with a seasoned member provides the opportunity for developing future leaders and enriching the professional lives of both. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Beverly Reigle at 558-5276 or at [reiglebs@uc.edu](mailto:reiglebs@uc.edu)

## Region 9 News

Summer is a quiet time for Region 9 but we are getting geared up for the Leadership Academy in Indianapolis in September. I hope to see you all there. Several regional activities are in the planning. First, we are planning a Region 9 one day conference in Indianapolis in April 2009. Secondly, we are working to partner with Tau Alpha in Mexico on a region wide service project. At our regional meeting at the Leadership Academy in September we will discuss both of these items. Have a safe and restful summer

Betsy Frank, Region 9 Coordinator

## Local News

### 6th Annual SONK Consortium Conference

The 6th Annual SONK Consortium Conference will be held on February 27, 2009, at the Sharonville Convention Center. The program is entitled The P's and Q's of Selecting and Using Nursing Care Delivery Care Models for Practice and Education. The keynote speaker will be Roberta Kaplow, RN, PhD, AOCNS, CCNS, CCRN, the former director of the Oncology master's program at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and the first Clinical Nurse Scholar for the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

### Race for the Cure

Please join Beta Iota and Something Pink Team on Sunday, September 14, 2008 at Mason Community Campus. More information will be available on the Beta Iota website

# Sigma Theta Tau International

## Successfully implementing Leading Globally will take all of us!

Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International members are known for visionary, innovative and progressive thinking. As the organization continues to grow, we are dedicated to: using knowledge, leadership and service to improve the health of the world's people and meeting the needs of all nurse leader generations. Leading Globally, the presidential call to action for the new biennium, builds upon the 2005 Strategic Directions and Vision 2020, a new strategic planning initiative adopted by the honor society. The call to action is available at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/aboutus/CaltoAction/Pages/CaltoAction.aspx>.



## Leadership Academy

2008 Sigma Theta Tau International Leadership Academy will be held September 25-27 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you are a new member to the organization or a new chapter leader consider attending. This conference provides the attendee with the opportunity to connect with other nurses and chapter leaders. The conference also offers many educational and informative sessions for both the new chapter leaders as well as the seasoned leader. For more details, please go to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org).

## Mission

The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

## Vision

The vision of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people.

