

Call for Nominations

Call for Nominations for Excellence in Nursing Awards

The Awards and Scholarships Committee are pleased to announce the awards criteria for Excellence in Nursing Education, Excellence in Nursing Practice and Excellence in Nursing Leadership. The criteria for each award follows. Active Beta Iota members are encouraged to self-nominate or nominate a nurse scholar who excels in one of these three areas. The nomination forms are located at the following Beta Iota Chapter website: <http://nursing.uc.edu/SSTI/BetaIotaAwards.htm>. Please submit your nominations to Dr. Nancy Moss by email at nancy.moss@uc.edu or by fax at (513) 558-2142. Submission deadline is March 15, 2006.

Excellence in Nursing Practice

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding nurse scholars who are active Beta Iota members, are currently practicing, and directly involved with patient care.

Criteria for the Award

1. Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in an area of clinical nursing practice.
2. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality patient care.
3. Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a nurse scholar.
4. Advances the scope and practice of nursing.
5. Inspires peers in their practice of nursing.
6. Influences the practice of nursing through communication.
7. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
8. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice.
9. Consistently demonstrates use of nursing process in the delivery of patient care.

Excellence in Nursing Leadership

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding nurse scholars who are active Beta Iota members and whose leadership has furthered the art and science of nursing.

Criteria for the Award

1. Demonstrates nursing leadership qualities resulting in community recognition for unique contributions to the profession.
2. Serves in leadership roles in community service organizations.
3. Receives recognition by peers and others as an expert and leader in an area of nursing.
4. Advances the scope and image of nursing within the community.
5. Influences nursing in a positive manner through communication.

Excellence in Nursing Education

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding nurse scholars who are active Beta Iota members and serve as a resource person and role model.

Criteria for the Award

1. Stimulates professional development and motivates students and peers to maximize their capacities.
2. Promotes a theory base for nursing education and practice.
3. Advances the science of nursing through clarifying, refining, and/or expanding the knowledge base of nursing.
4. Evidences outstanding knowledge in relation to curriculum.
5. Fosters sensitivity to the needs of others.

Excellence in Research Award opportunity inside.

NURSE SCHOLARS ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Cynthia Prows

Clinical Nurse Specialist in Genetics

Cynthia Prows, or Cindy as she is often referred to, is highlighted in this Connections issue as the Beta Iota Chapter Nurse Scholar Achieving Excellence. Cynthia earned her baccalaureate and master's degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. Her graduate focus was Parent/Child Nursing. In addition, she has received certificates in Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training (NCAST) and in Distance Education. For the past 16 years, Cynthia has worked at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) in genetics. Among her many honors, Cynthia is a recipient of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics President's Award and is an American Nurses Foundation Scholar.

Cynthia is nationally known for her expertise in genetics. Her leadership activities include several advisory boards and task forces at the national level that address genetics. For example, she serves as a member of the Health Resources and Services Administration's National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, as a steering committee member responsible for the Essential Nursing Competencies and Curricula Guidelines for Genetics and Genomics that is featured on ANA's Nursing World website, and a member of the National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics, Diversity Initiative Steering Committee. Cynthia has been an advisory board member of the Genetics Interdisciplinary Faculty Training Program at Duke University and in 1998, she served as the



co-editor of a special issue on genetics in the AACN Clinical Issues: Advanced Practice in Acute and Critical Care. She also served on the NINR planning team to develop the Summer Genetics Institute for Nurses. Among her many educational projects, Cynthia designed and implemented the Genetics Summer Institute for a national audience and for both an international and national audience, she designed an 18-week web-based genetics program.

Her publications are numerous and are evidence of her passion for genetics. Over the past fourteen years, she has disseminated knowledge about genetics on almost an annual basis in medical and nursing journals. Her most recent publication is in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship entitled, "Genomics in Nursing Education". Cynthia has been the principal investigator on NIH grants such as the Web Based Genetics Education Series for Nurses. She has received funding from the March of Dimes to address Early Identification and Intervention for Genetic Disorders.

Cynthia was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Beta Iota Chapter as an undergraduate in April, 1982. At that time, Cynthia Prows demonstrated academic excellence, academic integrity and leadership potential. Today, she exhibits the characteristics of a seasoned scholar who is impacting scientists in the national health care community. Beta Iota Chapter is extremely proud to recognize the accomplishments of Cynthia Prows, our Nurse Scholar Achieving Excellence.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

E Pluribus Unum - From the Many, One



Barbara Jordan, a leader I have long admired, was the first African American woman to (a) serve in the Texas Senate, (b) be elected to Congress and (c) deliver the keynote address at a national political convention. In her 1992 keynote address at a national party convention, she eloquently and passionately focused on community and responsibility with these words "...America's strength is rooted in diversity. Our history bears witness to that statement. E pluribus unum was a good motto in the early days of our country, and it is a good motto today. From the many, one. It still identifies us – because we are Americans (cited in Rogers, 1998). I believe these words can be used in other contexts to challenge and motivate people to unite and take action. Instead of America or Americans, insert Beta Iota Chapter. From the many, one. Our members are diverse in age, gender, culture, practice, and abilities. Yet, as nurse scholars, we unify to achieve one mission, "to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide".

Thirty-three years ago, Beta Iota was chartered by Sigma Theta Tau International, The Honor Society of Nursing, as the 55th chapter. This historical event occurred because of the vision and commitment of Ruth Dalrymple, the UC College of Nursing Dean. In 1968, she initiated the application process to become a chartered chapter of the national honor society, Sigma Theta Tau. At the time of application, UC College of Nursing had already established Alpha Alpha Pi Honor Society and had hoped to retain the name. However, on May 21, 1972, the chapter was chartered and the name given was Beta Iota. For the past 33 years, Beta Iota Chapter has forged paths in research funding and knowledge dissemination, developed collaborative efforts with other chapters and organizations, and

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BETA IOTA CHAPTER Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International

Sigma Theta Tau International

News

2005-07 International Board of Directors

On November 16, 2005, Carol Picard, RN, PhD, FAAN, was installed as President of Sigma Theta Tau International. She challenged the 38th Biennial House of Delegates in her Call to Action entitled, From Vision to Action, A Call for Collaboration. As she articulately presented her Call to Action, she stated "I believe nursing is caring in the human health experience, and that being leaders in caring requires us to live out the attributes of compassion, competence, confidence, conscience, and commitment...". She challenged chapters to be "hubs for nursing leadership and examine how they reach out to their respective health care communities and the wider community at large". She encouraged chapters to collaborate with a focus on knowledge, leadership, service, sustainability, and communities. For the complete address, link to the following http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/Picard_CALL.html

Carol will work in concert with the International Board of Directors comprised of four officer-directors, six non-officer directors, and the CEO, Nancy Dickenson-Hazard. To find out more about the members of the Board of Directors, link to <http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/leaders.html>

Notification of Dues Increase

Effective January 1, 2006, the international portion of the Sigma Theta Tau International membership dues will increase to \$60.00.



Membership Renewal, Transfer or Dual Membership

Inactive members can renew their membership online at: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/membership/main.html> or contact STTI at 1-888-634-7575.

Members can update contact information, transfer membership to another chapter or become a member of more than one chapter (i.e., Dual Membership) by linking to the URL or phone number listed above.

International Research Conferences

Fourth International Evidence-Based Nursing Preconference is July 19, 2006 and the 17th International Nursing Research Congress is July 20-22, 2006 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

For more information, link to http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/17_INRC_call.html

Pinnacle Awards

These awards recognize nursing excellence in the 15 regions of STTI. The award criteria is forthcoming and can be found at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/programs/main.html>. The awards will be presented at the Chapter Leader Academy, September 28-30, 2006 in Indianapolis, IN.

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.



Beta Iota Chapter

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Leadership Succession Committee Call to Engage

The Leadership Succession Committee is seeking active members who are interested in serving in the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer, and Leadership Succession (1). Please check our website at <http://nursing.uc.edu/SSTI/positions.htm> for job descriptions and a Nurse Scholar Volunteer to Serve Form. If you are interested in working on a committee, advisory council or task force and you want to know more about the functions/responsibilities of each, please contact Debbie at deborah.schwytzer@uc.edu or Beverly Reigle at beverly.reigle@uc.edu.

Come on board and make exciting things happen!

Region 9 News

New Region 9 Coordinator

Betsy Frank, PhD, RN, is the new Region 9 Coordinator. She is Professor of Nursing at Indiana State University. Dr. Frank will serve a two-year term as Coordinator and will preside over a four to five-member Region 9 Committee. She is in the process of selecting committee members. As Coordinator, she will serve as an international liaison and resource for 31 chapters located in Indiana, Kentucky, central/southern Ohio and Mexico. Best wishes to Dr. Frank for a productive and exciting biennium.



Chapter Leader Academy

Chapter Leader Academy is an opportunity to develop as a Sigma Theta Tau International leader. Programs and events are planned to provide the new chapter leader with the tools necessary to effectively perform his or her chapter role. Seasoned leaders will have opportunities to learn and share best practices. This exciting academy will be held in Indianapolis, IN, September 28 -30, 2006. Beta Iota will be underwriting the cost for current and potential leaders to attend.

Call for Nominations for Nurse Leaders

The Governance Committee of the Beta Iota Chapter is seeking nominations for membership in the Nurse Leader category. Nurses who are community leaders are eligible for membership if the leader has a minimum of a baccalaureate degree and has demonstrated marked achievement in nursing in at least one of the following areas: education, research, practice, administration, or publication.

The Governance Committee encourages Beta Iota members to identify nurse leaders in the community who demonstrate excellence in nursing. If you know of a potential nurse leader who meets the eligibility criteria, please contact Jeanine Swails at jeanine.swails@uc.edu or (513) 558-2930 by February 21, 2006 for the nomination form. The nominations for nurse leaders must be completed and received by March 1, 2006.

Beta Iota Chapter Research Grant

The Awards and Scholarships Committee invites active Beta Iota Chapter members to submit proposals for research studies in the areas of nursing practice, education, or administration. The recipient will receive a \$2100 grant and be recognized at the Beta Iota Chapter Induction and Awards Ceremony. Submit four copies of the proposal with a completed application by March 15, 2006, to Dr. Theresa Beery, College of Nursing University of Cincinnati, PO Box 210038, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0038. For further information contact Dr. Beery at theresa.beery@uc.edu or (513) 558-5006. The application may be obtained at <http://nursing.uc.edu/SSTI/BetaIotaAwards.htm>.

Criteria for Research Grant

1. The principal investigator must be a registered nurse and an active member of Beta Iota Chapter.
2. The proposal should (a) include a 200-250 word abstract (b) be limited to 10 pages (excluding appendices, references, and budget), and (c) be written according to APA format guidelines.
3. The proposal must address the following: (a) statement of the problem, (b) hypothesis or research question, (c) background and significance, (d) theoretical perspective, (e) research design, (f) budget and (g) time line.

Excellence in Research Award

The Awards and Scholarships Committee is pleased to announce the award criteria for Excellence in Research. Applicants must be (a) a registered nurse, (b) an active member of Beta Iota Chapter, and (c) be the principal investigator of a completed study in the areas of nursing practice, education, or administration. The research report must include: (a) statement of the problem, (b) hypothesis or research question, (c) background and significance, (d) theoretical perspective, (e) research design, and (f) results and discussion. Submit four copies of the application and research report to Dr. Theresa Beery at the address provided above by March 15, 2006. The application may be obtained at <http://nursing.uc.edu/SSTI/BetaIotaAwards.htm>.

A plaque will be awarded to the recipient at the Beta Iota Chapter Induction and Award Ceremony.

2006 Programs

Me? Lobbyist?

Barbara Nash, MS, RN, Keynote Speaker
February 15, 6:00 pm, Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center

The Professional's Contract with Society:

A Commitment to Health and Safety

Jane Barnsteiner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Keynote Speaker
May 5, 8:30 am-3:00 pm, Sharonville Convention Center
Details to follow

Induction and Awards Ceremony

Doris Edwards, EdD, RN, Keynote Speaker
May 19, 6:00 pm, Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center

Comments from the President (cont.)

designed ways to creatively recognize nursing excellence. In 2006, we are at a crossroads in our chapter's life – to merely exist or to be productive and build on the tremendous foundation established by our former leaders. Beta Iota Chapter cannot be productive without committed leaders and it will not continue to exist without effective leadership succession strategies.

The six members of your current Board of Directors, although committed to chapter sustainability and productivity, cannot do this without your support and involvement. As your President, I encourage you to think about the motto, E Pluribus Unum. Give thought to our chapter's heritage and envision the chapter you want us to be in the future. This new year, 2006, make a commitment to become engaged with Beta Iota and help make your vision a reality. Share your talents, expertise, and time in the promotion of nursing excellence and scholarship.

E Pluribus unum – From the many, one.