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President's Message

Welcome all members to a new period in our chapter's growth. As we approach the start of the academic year, we reflect on new beginnings for all. Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International is a dynamic chapter that has always strived to advance scholarly endeavors in all areas of professional nursing: practice, education and research. Embodying scholarly work is the ability to look forward to new beginnings, innovative ideas, and professional growth by thinking in new ways. Our new year brings new members, officers, and opportunities to expand your professional involvement that enriches your knowledge and advances your thinking.

To paraphrase the nursing scholars Patricia Benner and Florence Nightingale, nurses control the environment of healing. Nurses are always thinking about different problems with which they are presented while they are delivering care. Therefore, new ideas are plentiful. Sigma Theta Tau challenges you to harness these ideas, study their impact on care and use them to change the environment of healing for the betterment of those served. We sincerely believe in you and your work and welcome you to join us in our new endeavors.

Sincerely,

*Jean Croce Hemphill PhD, APRN, BC
President, Epsilon Sigma Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau International*

Epsilon Sigma Chapter New Officers

Epsilon Sigma Chapter has many opportunities in which to become involved and grow professionally. Our committees always need volunteers. You may contact any the chairs of these committees in order to volunteer your good help. Officer positions will be posted in the winter. Please contact any of us, especially the members of the nominating committee for information.

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Sigma Theta Tau International , Epsilon Sigma Chapter Induction

Epsilon Sigma Chapter will hold the 2006-2007 induction ceremony
November 9, 2006. Refreshments start at 5:30pm
D.P. Culp Center Ballroom
Keynote speaker: Dr. Kenneth Phillips, PhD, RN

He is the Director of Nursing Research at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He holds an undergraduate degree from East Tennessee State University and doctorate in nursing from University of Tennessee. His dissertation research was supported by our chapter, and he has a long distinguished career in research, education, and practice. We are honored to have him with us as he is an inspiring speaker and role model.

Blackboard System of Distant Communication

Dr. Masoud Ghaffari, chapter program chair, has secured a Blackboard site through ETSU in order to facilitate distant communication amongst our members. The site can be used for synchronous communications. This is also a great way to post announcements, information, and exchange ideas. If you have an ETSU Blackboard account, you may log on. If you do not have access, please send your name and email address to Dr. Ghaffari at ghaffari@etsu.edu

Research Funding by Epsilon Sigma Chapter

Epsilon Sigma Chapter has small research grant monies available for research. You may apply by sending an abstract to Dr. Priscilla Ramsey for review. The average award is \$500.00. Please send abstracts to ramsey@mail.etsu.edu

Research Night 2006

Epsilon Sigma Chapter was well represented at the Annual Research Night. The College of Nursing was represented by Quinton Carroll, RN (pictured at left) and Dr. Diana Conco. Dr. Patricia Hayes (pictured at right) is giving an award to a student. The next Research Night will be 2/1/2007 (see next page).



Photography courtesy of Cathy Jo Damoth

Annual Research Program

The Annual Research Program will be
February 1, 2007, 6:00 p.m. (Board Meeting and Program)
Place: TBA
Keynote: Amber Pewitt, RN, BSN

Ms. Pewitt will be speaking about her work in obstetrics. The title is The Experience of Perinatal Care at a Birthing Center: A Qualitative Pilot Study.
Her has received an STTI award for her research project, and won second prize in the Annual Student Research Forum in April, 2006, ETSU.

Sigma Theta Tau Spring Lecture Series

Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, March 15, 2007, 6:00p.m.
Millennium Center, Johnson City, TN
Keynote: Dr. Janice Morse, PhD.,FAAN
Program of Research and Scholarship: The Joy of Qualitative Research
Student meeting: ETSU nursing doctoral students on Friday March 16, 2007

Dr. Janice Morse is a renowned researcher who pioneered nursing qualitative research. Dr. Morse is a stimulating speaker, and internationally known researcher and scholar who has authored several books and many articles about qualitative research and concept analysis. Our chapter is honored to have a distinguished scholar sharing her knowledge.

We give great thanks to Dr. Lois Lowry, past president of Epsilon Sigma Chapter, and director of the doctoral program in nursing at ETSU, for her tremendous effort in developing and continuing this high quality lecture series.

Epsilon Sigma Chapter Calendar of Events- Mark Your Calendars!

Meeting Dates First Thursday of the Month and Special Programs:

November 2, 2006	Picasso's Restaurant, Ashe Street, Johnson City 6:00pm
November 9, 2006	Induction, D.P. Culp Center Ballroom 5:30pm Keynote: Dr. Kenneth Phillips
December 7, 2006	Business meeting 6:00pm, TBA
February 1, 2007	Research presentation and dinner meeting, 6:00pm, TBA
March 1, 2007	Business meeting 6:00pm, TBA
March 15, 2007	Annual Research Program, Millennium Center, 6:00pm Keynote: Dr. Janice Morse
April 5, 2007	Business meeting 6:00pm, TBA
May 3, 2007	Business meeting, installation of new officers, TBA
June 2007	Planning meeting TBA

Mentoring Programs Available at Sigma Theta Tau International

There are many mentoring programs available to members. One mentoring program is the Omada Board Leadership Program and our own Jane Walker is attending. This program prepares nurses to be knowledgeable and responsive leaders on national and international boards. Named for the Greek word meaning 'team,' the two-year program focuses on increasing knowledge and skills in the areas of trusteeship, the organization's vision, mission and strategic goals fiduciary responsibilities of the board, board and staff partnerships, strategic thinking and strategic planning, generative governance.

Jane will be sharing her knowledge with members as she moves through the program.

Sigma Theta Tau International News

Save these Dates!

18th International Nursing Research Congress

Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice

Vienna, Austria

Austria Center Vienna

11-14 July 2007

Call for Abstracts

Submission Deadline: 13 December 2006

39th Biennial Convention

Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Baltimore Convention Center

2-7 November 2007

Call for Abstracts

Submission Deadline: 17 January 2007

International Nominations

There is a call for 2007-09 nominations for leadership positions. Every biennium the membership, through the House of Delegates, elects the honors society's leadership. The following international positions are open for nominations: President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director-at-Large (3 positions), Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair, Governance Committee (7 positions), leadership Succession Committee (7 positions), Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee (15 positions).

Call for nomination forms and detailed position descriptions are available at www.nursingsociety.org. If you are interested or have further questions, contact Bobbi Downing at headquarters at 888.634.7575 (US/Canada), +1.317.634.8171 or bobbi@stti.iupui.edu. Nominations are due by March 2007.

Awards Nominations open November 1

Nominations for the 2007 International Awards will be accepted in the areas of technology, media, chapter excellence, research and leadership beginning November 2006. Nominations may be submitted using online submission system at www.nursingsociety.org/programs. Deadline for awards is March 1, 2007

List of Awards

Audrey Hepburn Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children

o [Audrey Hepburn Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children](#)

Chapter Awards

o [Chapter Communications](#)

o [Chapter Community Building](#)

o [Chapter Key](#)

o [Chapter Research Advancement](#)

o [Chapter Spirit of Philanthropy](#)

o See [Founders Awards](#) for the Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence

Clinical Scholarship Award

o [Clinical Scholarship Award](#)

Daniel J. Pesut Spirit of Renewal Award

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Founders Awards

- o [Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards](#)
- o [Edith Moore Copeland Award for Excellence in Creativity](#)
- o [Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Research](#)
- o [Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Education](#)
- o [Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence](#)
- o [Marie Hippensteel Lingeman Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice](#)
- o [Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership](#)

Honorary Membership

- o [Honorary Membership](#)

Media Awards

- o [Public Media](#) • Print • Other (electronic, photography, art, etc.)
- o [Nursing Media](#) • Print • Other (electronic, photography, art, etc.)

Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award

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New Member Awards

- o [Pillar of Service](#)
- o [Pillar of Leadership](#)
- o [Pillar of Professional Endeavor](#)

Research Awards

- o [Episteme](#)
- o [Research Dissemination](#)
- o [Research Dissertation](#)
- o [Research Utilization](#)
- o See [Chapter Awards](#) for the Chapter Research Advancement Award

Technology Awards

- o [Computer-Based Professional Education Technology](#)
- o [Computer-Based Public Education Technology](#)
- o [Information Technology-Clinical Nursing Applications](#)
- o [Information Technology-Knowledge Advancement](#)

Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award

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Get Involved!

Learn about the tremendous opportunities available by perusing STT website at <http://www.nursingsociety.org>

More Information at ETSU College of Nursing Friday Newsletter:

<http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/conpages/newsletter/Fall%202006/10%2013%2006.pdf>