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Sigma Epsilon-at-Large Chapter



Welcome

Sigma Theta Tau International has gone through new and exciting changes, including rebranding, which was unveiled at the 44th Biennial Convention. We want to ensure we stand out against other nursing organizations and reduce the potential of being misperceived as a fraternal, social, or academic-only organization. The Board of Directors and leadership team have worked diligently to address what was learned, and to develop the new look and feel for Sigma that will serve us well for years to come.

We still are, and will remain, an honor society. But we're now welcoming you to call us what you've been calling us already: Sigma. In addition, Nursing Knowledge International will now be Sigma Marketplace and the Foundation will be Sigma Foundation for Nursing.



Save the Date!

Induction Ceremony - Milligan

11/9/2017

Milligan will have their STTI induction on Thursday November 9, 2017 from 6p-8p. There will be 5 inductees.

Induction Ceremony - ETSU

11/10/2017

ETSU and King/Bristol will be hosting their induction ceremony on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 6p-8p at ETSU.

Congratulations!



Dr. Melissa Humfleet from Lincoln Memorial completed the DNP from UT Chattanooga in May 2016. She received a rank advancement August 2017 from Instructor of Nursing to Assistant Professor of Nursing. Dr. Humfleet has taught at LMU Caylor School of Nursing for 14 years in the areas of fundamentals and medical-surgical in ASN and BSN Programs.

Dr. Jami England from Lincoln Memorial University received her DNP from Frontier Nursing University. Best wishes to you both in your future endeavors!

International Nursing Education and Scholarship

Meet Mr. Louis Dolce. He is a sophomore nursing student at the Faculte des Sciences Infirmieres de l'universite Episcopale d'Haiti (FSIL) Nursing School in Leogane, Haiti. Due to the STTI Epsilon Sigma At Large chapters' generosity, he is a recipient of a Medic Samaritan Nursing School Scholarship. Medic Samaritan, a 4013c non-profit, is working to educate and employ Haitians and building a community health nurse/midwife program to bring access to health care services to three rural villages where healthcare is currently not available. Mr. Dolce not only successfully completed his first year of nursing school in the summer of 2017, he did so with exemplary grades—the highest in the class! He begins his second year and is off to a good start to his classes this fall. At present, he is taking courses in biochemistry, psychology, English, French, Nutrition, Microbiology, and Informatics.

For more information about FSIL nursing school, please visit www.haitinursing.org/fsil



For additional information about Medic Samaritan community nurse midwife program, visit www.medicsamaritan.org/education. Again, thanks to the chapter for your generous support in helping Mr. Dolce achieve his dreams of becoming a nurse and assisting with building Haiti's infrastructure of trained healthcare professionals who bring life saving care to communities in need.

Sigma Theta Tau International Research Symposium

Dr. Amy Knowles provided an oral presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Symposium in Dublin Ireland in July. The title of the presentation was Participatory Rural Appraisal for Community Assessment of Health Needs in Rural Haiti Village. This research has been conducted by Dr. Amy Knowles and Dr. Penny Neal and is a multi-year research study.

The conference provided meaningful dialogue and sharing of new ideas and strategies for nursing practice, education, and global health. Thank you to the chapter for your assistance with travel funds for the conference.



Should Our Approach for Reducing Poor Birth Outcomes Differ in Urban and Rural Populations?

Judy McCook PhD
Beth Bailey PhD



Dr. Judy McCook also gave an oral presentation of her research study examining potential differences between rural and urban women on modifiable factors known to impact birth outcomes and whether these factors differentially predicted two specific adverse birth outcomes, preterm delivery (PTB, 9.6% nationally) and intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR, 9.9% nationally), for urban and rural newborns. She thanks the Sigma Epsilon Chapter for the generous support.

44th Biennial Conference Updates

Dr. Greta Marek and Dr. Tavia Flanagan represented our chapter at the 44th Biennial STTI Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 28 to November 1.

The Sigma Epsilon-at-Large chapter made a \$100 donation to the Sigma Foundation for Research.



Dr. Sonja Fuqua was re-elected as Region 8 Coordinator for a third term. Congratulations!



Spring Research Day

Upcoming: Spring 2018 STTI Epsilon Sigma at large Chapter Annual Research Day. If anyone is interested in serving on the planning committee, please notify one of the officers. More information and call for abstracts will be forthcoming.



2018 Region 8 Conference

The Region 8 Conference, hosted by the Zeta Gamma Chapter, will be held at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

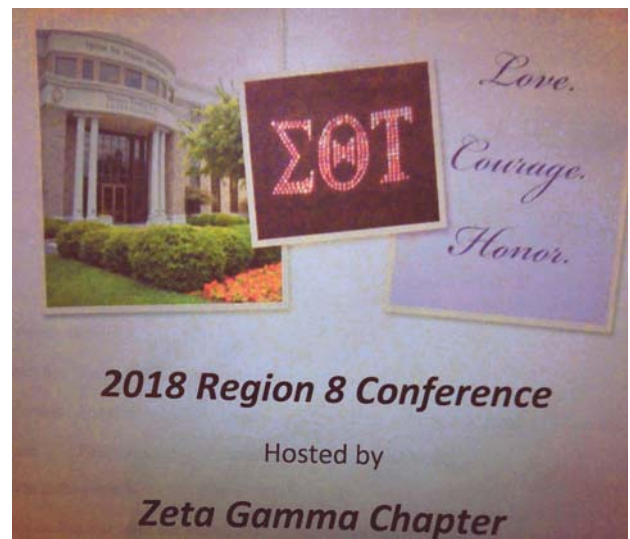
September 27th to 29th, 2018

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

64 South Water Street

Mobile, AL 36602

Planning committee volunteers are being recruited, so please email Dr. Fuqua if interested.
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



GOAL 1:
End poverty in all its forms everywhere



GOAL 2:
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



GOAL 3:
Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



GOAL 4:
Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning



GOAL 5:
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



GOAL 6:
Ensure access to water and sanitation for all



GOAL 7:
Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



GOAL 8:
Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all



GOAL 9:
Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



GOAL 10:
Reduce inequality within and among countries



GOAL 11:
Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



GOAL 12:
Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



GOAL 13:
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



GOAL 14:
Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources



GOAL 15:
Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss



GOAL 16:
Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies



GOAL 17:
Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



For more detailed information on the Sustainable Development Goals and STTI, visit www.nursingsociety.org/GlobalAction.



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