

The Honor Society of Nursing
SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
Rho Omicron Chapter



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Induction 2006

Fifty-one new members were inducted into Rho Omicron Chapter on November 2, 2006 at the Medical Staff Building on the Mount Carmel West Hospital campus. The impressive ceremony included presentations regarding the history of the society. The theme of the event was *Past, Present and Future*. Nancy Rowe, PhD, RN, discussed the development of Sigma Theta Tau International. She presented information about the original members of the organization and provided an historical perspective relating to the growth of the society. Toni Chops, MS, RN, President-Elect of Rho Omicron, shared information about the present activities and benefits of belonging to the second largest nursing organization in the world. She identified the numerous electronic resources available to all members. Juanakee Pearson-Ceol, RN, MS, is currently a Nursing Program Manager, The Ohio State University Medical Center. She is a graduate of undergraduate and graduate programs at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. She shared information about the numerous



Sigma Theta Tau Rho Omicron 2006 Inductees

Senior Students*

Kamil C. Barker
 Jennifer Marie Barnett
 Nicole Raejean Bentley-Warner
 Tracy Dixon Bucher
 Desiree Michelle Buck
 Cindy Nhunguyen Cao
 Aaron Joshua Casey
 Erin Ashley Domer
 Jeffrey J. Doner
 Jan Michelle Duskey
 Meghann Brittany Fraser
 Amy Freeman
 Jennifer Michelle Fuller
 Melinda Marie Heiligmann
 Taylor Helfrey
 Krista Lyn King
 Lindsay Nicole Kolanko
 Julie Ann Levan
 Pamela Christine Linscott

* Senior students in the baccalaureate program who are in the top thirty-five percent of their graduating class and have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater.

Mary Colleen McHugh Froehlich
 Jeff Miller
 Melanie Ann Murphy
 Carole Anne Narouz
 Brittany M. Neely
 Holly Oesterle
 Julie Christine Owen
 Lindsey Poling
 Ellie Rader
 Jamie Robinson
 Katie Schultz
 Andrea Seipelt
 Amy Slater
 Tiffany F. Slone
 Judy A. Stern
 Jenny Stoner
 Nancy Marie Tedjeske
 Kristen Renee Young

RN Students Baccalaureate Program*

Joy Chukwulobe
 Carla A. Dowling
 Melanie Fuller
 Toni Luzader
 Balinda Schluer
 Sue Umberger

* RN students in the baccalaureate program who rank in the upper thirty-five percent of their graduating class, have fifty percent of the nursing program completed, and have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater.

Master's Students Program*

Jody Gill
 Leslie Smith
 Carol Reinhardt

* Students in the graduate program who have completed one fourth of the program and have a grade point average of 3.5 or greater.

Community Leaders*

Connie Jenkins
 Catherine Maurer Baack
 Carol Price
 Rhonda Taylor
 Lee Ann Williams

* Community leaders demonstrating leadership or achievement in nursing are invited into membership. Contributions by these individuals include achievements in research, publication, administration, consulting, practice, or education.



Krista King, Jan Duskey, Julie LeVan, and Brittany Fisher



Judy Stern, Kristen Young, and Julie Owen

opportunities for the new members within the organization and within the profession of nursing. Juanakee shared her enthusiasm for continued educational pursuits.

Kathleen Lennon, PhD, RN, offered a reflection which was quite inspirational. Bonnie Moses, MS, RN, CNRN, President of Rho Omicron, delivered the welcome and led the inductees in the pledge. Shirley Cooley, MSN, RN, Rho Omicron Counselor, announced the name of each inductee. She also managed the entire process of new member enrollment within the society.

Each new member provided a brief overview of professional goals and plans for the future. A certificate of membership was awarded to each new member as well as a fresh flower.

A silent auction was coordinated by Sherry Hull, MS, RN. She coordinated the collection of a variety of items donated from Rho Omicron members as well as the Mount Carmel College of Nursing Alumni Association. Proceeds benefited scholarships for members within the organization. Delicious refreshments were available for all family, friends and faculty in attendance. It was a wonderful evening of recognition for all new members.



Nancy Rowe, PhD, RN, Kathleen Lennon, PhD, RN, Catie Maurer-Baack MS, RN, and inductee Jeffrey Doner



Carol Narouz, Desiree Buck, and Tracy Bucher



Taylor Helfrey, Jennifer Barnett, Erin Domer, and Carol Price



Ellie Rader, Holly Oesterle, Jenny Stoner, Kamil Barker, Lindsey Kolanko



Joy Chukwulobe and Shirley Cooley

Welcome Lunch for New Inductees

More than 60 percent of the new inductees attended a lunch on January 8, 2007, at the Center for Learning and Education at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. This was the largest attendance at the new member lunch since the Rho Omicron Chapter was formed. The purpose of the event was to welcome new members and to further define the activities of Rho Omicron. Board members were introduced and the election process was reviewed. The Board is interested in new ideas for activities. Small group sessions were conducted so that new members could identify areas of interest. The Board hopes that new members will participate in activities on a consistent basis even after graduation. The method of completing the VIP profile on-line was reviewed. All those in attendance received an honor cord that can be worn during graduation ceremonies. It was a fun and informal way for new members to get to know each other and share thoughts and ideas.



Lindsey Kolanko, Lindsey Poling, and Desiree Buck



Chris Linscott, Aaron Casey, and Judy Stern



Lee Ann Williams and Jeffrey Doner



Jeff Miller, Katie Schultz, and Leslie Smith

Komen Race for the Cure... Volunteers Needed

One aspect of being a member of Sigma Theta Tau International is active participation in community service endeavors. All members of Rho Omicron are invited to participate as volunteers in the *Komen Race for the Cure*. The funds generated by the race will help support the fight against breast cancer. We are gathering names of interested members who will be willing to volunteer on May 19, 2007, from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.. There are no fees for volunteers and the exact duties for our group are still being developed. Gail Baumlein, PhD, RN, will be coordinating this event. Please contact Gail at gbaumlein@mchs.com or 614-234-5409 to submit your name and to ask any questions about this exciting event. This will be the first community service activity for our young chapter, so let's make it a success!



Taylor Helfrey, Meghann Fraser, and Kristen Young

Update from the International Office

In response to chapters' requests, the central headquarters of Sigma Theta Tau International has created the Chapter Resource Database. The goal of the database is to create a central information sharing location for chapters around the world and to provide the chance for direct chapter to chapter contact. The Chapter Resource Database allows chapters to share resources and to find helpful information and knowledge about chapter operations. This includes areas such as programming, recruitment and retention efforts, strategic planning, and community service ideas. The Chapter Resource Database is located on the main web site at www.nursingsociety.org. Questions or comments can be directed to Jessica Atkins at jessica@stti.iupui.edu.

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Shirley Cooley, MSN, RN (Chairperson)

Leadership Succession

Juanakee Pearson-Ceol, MS, RN

Membership Involvement Committee

Vic Campbell, PhD, RN

Toni Chops, MS, RN

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