

Omicron Alpha Chapter

Upstate Medical University

Sigma Theta Tau

Vision:

Sigma Theta Tau

International is committed to improving the health of people worldwide through the development, dissemination and deployment of nursing knowledge.

Omicron Alpha embraces the global mission of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Consistent with this mission of growth, development, and sharing of nursing knowledge, the Chapter is dedicated to the improvement of health of people in Central New York and beyond.

Omicron Alpha is committed to advancing nursing leadership, scholarship, and research in clinical practice and in public policy.

Goals:

- Building a community of nurses committed to scholarship, leadership, and research.
- Enhancing the image of nursing and nursing activities.
- Developing the members' basic and advanced leadership skills.
- Promoting member intellectual stimulation and development.
- Expanding the base of nursing knowledge.
- Integrating research into nursing practice

Induction Ceremony

On June 18, 2002, Omicron Alpha held it's annual induction ceremony. President Bonnie Miner and President-elect Patricia Knox greeted the inductees and the guests. The new members were given information about the formation of Sigma Theta Tau International and it's current role in today's nursing society. 23 new members including 7 Undergraduate students, 13 Graduate students, and 3 Community leaders were inducted. This brings the current membership of the chapter to 448.

Janice Nelson, EdD, RN former Dean of the College of Nursing and Professor Emerita presented "Our Honor Society's Past and Nursing's Future. Her presentation highlighted the history of nursing and where it is going today.

The following members were inducted:

Undergraduates Level:

Erin Dowd
Diana Fitzgerald
Deborah Hopkins

Adam McKelvey
Anita Schwarting
Margaret Seton
Allison Voytko

Graduate Level:
Liane Donohue
Susan Felter
Shanteashia Fulmer
Wilma George
Jennifer Helmer
DeAnna Holtzman
Theresa Humez
Felicia Montanez
Lorissa Plis
Connie Randolph
Mya Robertson
Kathleen Spaman
Linda Talerico

Community Leaders:
Donna Nelson
Marianne Parker
Deborah Patterson

Posthumously:
Andrew Luke



Annual Meeting

The Genesee Inn was the site of the 6th Annual meeting of the chapter. 25 members enjoyed dinner during an evening of networking and presentations.

Members of the Executive Board and Chapter Committees received certificates of recognition for service to the chapter.

Presentation of the Chapter Awards was completed.

Special thanks to Janice Nelson for making the evenings arrangements possible.

Awards Presented

Matthew Carr Memorial Award was presented to Bonnie Gundell.

Excellence in Nursing Research Award was co-presented to Patricia Knox and Barbara Fero.

Virginia B. Byers Professional Organization Commitment Award

was presented to Connie Jastremski

Outstanding Student Performance Award was given to Tracy Wendt.

New Officers Installed

Patricia Knox as President
Bonnie Miner as Secretary
Margaret Wells as Faculty Counselor.

Current Officers include:

President: Patricia Knox-

Vice President: Janice Cieply

Treasurer: Joan Payne

Secretary: Bonnie Miner

Nominating Committee:

Priscilla Worrall

Diane Hansworth

Cindy Law

Member Involvement Needed

Member involvement is needed to keep chapter active. The level of commitment is dependent on what you want to give. We can always use committee members on our many committees but limited or short term involvement can also be used.

Please contact Patricia Knox if you have a desire to serve. 3869 Griffin Road, Syracuse, NY 13215. 469-3986.

Check out our website for committee information and other information related to chapter activities.

www.upstate.edu/con/oa/index.shtml.



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