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2006-2007 was an extremely productive year for our chapter. On May 4, 2007, there were 111 new members inducted to the nursing honor society, Zeta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. It was moving moment to see that we were in the mist of students and nurse leaders with such academic excellence. As their families watched, it was a wonderful honor to place on each new member their own purple honor cords and receive a motivating hand shake. It is our hope that each will be innovators in their own right by striving for excellence. Undergraduate and graduate students, along with a Nurse Leader were inducted. A list of those invited is provided in this newsletter. Captain Regina Daniels, our newly inducted Nurse Leader, was inducted in absentia given her current military commitment. Captain Daniels has served in Iraq and was recently accepted into a nurse anesthesia program. Additionally, Zeta Gamma honored outstanding nurse leaders during our Induction for Nursing Practice (Ms. Rebecca Pomrenke); Nursing Education (Ms. Alice Godfrey); Nursing Administration (Ms. Ann Brown); Nursing Research (Dr. Kimberly Williams); Outstanding Mentor (Ms. Stephanie Brown) and Outstanding Student (Ms. Kristina Schneider).

Zeta Gamma strives to promote leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research by providing funding for research and special project and community agencies. The Finance Committee, with approval from the Board and membership increased funding for research and special projects, and approved a \$5000/year budget for research and special projects which stipulates a \$1500 cap for each award. Three awards were given this academic year. Recipients will update membership of their work at future meetings as well as presenting at our upcoming STTI Zeta Gamma Research Day in Spring 2009. These recipients received maximum funding. Recipients of funding awards included: Drs Julie Sanford, Pat Hall and Faye McHaney for their project on caregiver burden for patients with congestive heart failure; Robin Lawson for her special project on intervening with healthy lifestyle changes (New Leaf) for women; and Kristina Schneider for her work with Dr. Teena McGuinness on adopted children from Russia. Ms. Schneider and Dr. McGuinness will be presented their work at the STTI Conference at Vienna, Austria.

STTI Zeta Gamma Research Day, "Building Paradigms of Transformation: Education, Practice and Leadership" was held March 31, 2007. We were please to have as our guest speaker Nancy Dickinson Hazard, Executive Director of STT International who share remarks from her work with International. We would like to give a special thank you to the efforts of Dr. Candice Ross, Dr. Katherine Bydalek, Mr. Joe Farmer and Dr. Kandy Smith of the Research Committee for the success of this program. Research Day continues every other year, providing an opportunity for members to share their scholarly work through podium and poster presentations.

We recognized two community agencies this year, The Baldwin Clinic/ La Clinica Baldwin (TBC/ LCB) and Victory Health Planners, with a monetary contribution of \$1000 each for their to their continued service to the needs of their community. TBC/ LCB in Foley is Alabama's first federally funded Migrant Health Center, founded in 1997 by Dr. Carolyn White. Mr. Bob Renner, interim CEO, accepted the check and expressed gratefulness to have the support of both nurses in the area and the honor society of Sigma Theta Tau. The money will be used for patient assistance with transportation, medications and/or other essential medical needs." The Victory Health Partners is a non-profit health care clinic in Mobile that provides health care for the working poor who have no health insurance. Dr. Lighfoot and his staff currently serve over five thousand patients between the ages of 18 and 65, and fills the gap between governmentally provided services and private health insurance. Fees are based on a sliding scale according to family size and income.

Induction of new officers:

New officers were inducted and will begin their terms for the 2007-2008 academic year. Outgoing officers were who were honored at the induction were Pat Noonan, Treasurer and Veronica Hudson, Secretary. New incoming officers are Dr. Katherine Bydalek as Treasurer and Ms. Judith Azok as Secretary.

We are please accessing the web site, www.nursingsociety.org, to view opportunities for other scholarship, fellowship, and grant funding form Sigma Theta Tau International.

ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER INDUCTION

The 2006 Induction Ceremony was held May 4, 2007 at the University of South Alabama. Families and friends were present to celebrate the induction of undergraduate and graduate students. Chapter Awards were presented and new chapter officers were installed. Congratulations and welcome to the new members.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Evie Albrecht
Natasha Herrine Andrews
Leslie Ellen Batts
Erica Leigh Benvenuti
Debbie Marie Blitch
Brooke Marie Bobrowski
Tracy Padgett Bottjer
Tammy Evans Boykin
Alicia Turner Branning
D. Nicole Chason
Elizabeth Danielle Clifton
Danielle Collette
Rebecca Emmons
Julia Michaelanne Farnham
Lacy Kay Fortenberry
Natalie Fox
Daphne Gibboney
Ami Kathryn Goodnough
Lois Christiane Hard
Joshua Ralph Hughes
Renee Rachelle Jaubert-LaPointe
Zackery Kalinauskas
Patricia Kennedy
Kirk Shafroth Knudsen
Jennifer Joan LaBrier
Shelley Ann Lee
Sarah LePiane
Emily Lord
Allison Marie McDonald
Melissa Messina
Gregory Thomas Miller
Heather Ann Necaie
Mindy Michelle Nix
Alice Paulk Olson
Selena Ann Parks
Maria Grace Robinson
Emily Jean Russell
Kristina Marie Schneider
Michelle Simmons
Susan Richardson Turner
Elvira Valikhanova
Margot Chantelle Wallin
Jeleannea Nicole Watts
Robert Christopher Whatley
Jessica White
Katie White
Melanie Jane White
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GRADUATE STUDENTS

Virginia G. Abbett
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Lia M. Anderson
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Courtney W. Bradley
David Brennan
Michelle Bernice Bridges
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Kim Cooley
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Rebecca Guillory
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Kimberly T. Hudson
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Gertrude James
Cheryl Cooper Johnson
Donald Lee Johnson Jr.
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Kerri Kittrell
Jennifer Kyte
Amy Little
Jennifer Lynn Maddox
Kelly McGehee

Penelope Montgomery
Janet Crawford Negovan
Paige C. Pierce
Robin Rose Pitchford
Rebecca Lynn Pomrenke
Leila G. Quizon
Christine Rembert
Phyllis Patricia Salkey
Tiffany Schroeder
Kimberly A. Spivey-Schwartz
Susan N. Traer
Wendy P. VanDyke
Anthony Fitzgerald Wiggins Sr.
Karen G. Young



NURSE LEADERS

Regina G. Daniels

2007 SIGMA THETA TAU AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Nursing Practice

Ms. Rebecca Pomrenke

Nursing Administrator

Ms. Ann Brown

Nursing Education

Ms. Alice Godfrey

Mentorship

Ms. Stephanie Brown

Nursing Research

Dr. Kimberly Williams

Outstanding Student

Ms. Kristina Schneider

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http://www.usouthal.edu/nursing/sttzg_index.html

