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Message from the Outgoing Chapter President Barb Brunt



This is my last column President of the Delta Omega chapter. It has been an exciting and busy two years, and I am confident that your new President Kathy Rose will continue to lead our chapter on its journey of excellence. I want to thank all the board members, committee chairs, and other members and volunteers who worked on projects, attended meetings, and assisted the chapter meet our goals. I have included in this newsletter our 2009-2011 strategic plan, with notes of what we have accomplished in the past two years. I anticipate being able to accept our 10th key award at the upcoming biennial convention in November. It is only because of the dedication and efforts of our members that we can achieve this honor. However, I am sure that we have not captured all the activities of our members in this report – please let us know about your accomplishments so they can be included in the next biennium award.

We will continue to need information about activities members have been involved to document what our members and chapter have done to submit for our 11th key award at the 2013 convention. Winning this award is a great honor for the chapter membership, and we need to capture things our members have been involved in during the last biennium. Information can be submitted to Kathy Rose at ker9242@yahoo.com Please let us know about the things you are doing.

Areas included in the key award criteria are listed below:

- ❖ Members presented at **national or international professional nursing**

meetings, conferences, or forums
(Need name of meeting, title of presentation and date presented)

- ❖ Members presented at **interdisciplinary professional meetings**, conferences or forums
- ❖ Members or chapter provide at least one program/activity/project focused on increasing community awareness of health promotion and prevention of illness. Examples include: participation in local health fair, sharing information with elementary/high school students (Need name and nature of activity with date presented)
- ❖ Provide expertise or consultation to the community. Examples include doing presentations to the community through Speaker's Bureaus, providing screening to community members. (Need name and nurse of activity with date presented)
- ❖ Collaborate at the local level for health promotion and/or prevention of illness projects with community partners. Examples include: volunteer at Special Olympics events, cough etiquette kits for local shelter, collaboration with other health care organizations on specific issues. (Need to know who the collaboration was with and what was done with the date of activity if applicable.

We will be creating the 2011-2013 strategic plan at our transition meeting on June 27th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in Mary Gladwin Hall. All members are welcome to attend this meeting and help shape the direction of the chapter over the next two years.

Again, thank you for all you have done for the chapter, and I look forward to continuing my involvement as immediate past president.

Barb

Delta Omega Annual Meeting

Delta Omega had its annual meeting, "Practice Pearls" at the University of Akron on Thursday April 14th. This informative program had three research and evidence-based practice presentations by our members. In addition, annual reports from all the officers and committee chairs were shared with those present.

Anita Meehan, MSN, RN, a geriatric CNS from Akron General Medical Center, talked about "Current Thinking on the Management of Foley Catheters." She shared how they incorporated evidence-based information into practice.

Linda Shanks, PhD, RN, a faculty member at the University of Akron, shared the results of a research study they did on "Using ISBARR as a Communication Tool in Critical Situations." They adapted tools from the Joint Commission and used a convenience sample of leadership students. Students watched a videotaped critical situation simulation and then gave an audio-taped report, which was evaluation using an investigator-developed tool. Although there was no significant improvement from baseline to one year of ISBARR in the traditional or accelerated group, there was a significant correction between GPA and the score on ISBARR tool. They are still collecting data on the traditional students who have not completed their entire program yet.

Laura Celik, BSN, RN, NCSN, a school nurse from Akron Children's Hospital talked about the "Effectiveness of a Six-Week Elementary School-Based Pedometer Program." Nationally 20% of children do not meet fitness standards, and there are 12.5 million children who are overweight. Fourth and fifth graders participated in a study on "Where

Do Your Steps Take You?” They used a pretest/posttest design with 39 students participating. Students completed a three minute step test using a 12” bench height with a cadence of 26 steps/minutes using a metronome, and they were also given nutrition information. Although most fitness levels did not improve, there was a decrease in BMI, and increase in activity with the students.

Hospital Nurses Recognized for Excellence

During National Nurses Week the Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) presents nurses from area hospitals an Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice. This nurse does some, if not all of the following:

- ❖ Demonstrates knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice
- ❖ Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care
- ❖ Possesses the clinical expertise and the attributes of a clinical scholar
- ❖ Advances the scope and practice of nursing
- ❖ Serves as mentor/preceptor that inspires peers’ practice of nursing
- ❖ Influences the practice of nursing through communication
- ❖ Enhances the image of nursing through one’s nursing practice
- ❖ Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice

Each of these nurses receives a framed certificate and monetary award. The winners of this year’s awards are:

Lori Huff, Akron Children’s Medical Center
Jennifer Somerville, Akron General Medical Center
Joy Frame, Medina Hospital
Traci Fraelich, Robinson Memorial Hospital
Cathy Mason, Summa Western Reserve Hospital
Melanie Gura, Summa Akron City/St Thomas Hospitals

2010-2011 Research Grants Funded Submitted by Dr. Elaine Fisher

Two grants were funded this year from the Delta Omega Chapter. **Mrs. Barb Brunt** received funding for her proposal “Classifying Staff Development Competencies by Level of Expertise.” This grant will examine staff development nurse behaviors and activities and categorize them using Benner’s novice to expert categories. **Ms. Mary Lind Crowe** received funding for her proposal entitled “Point of Care Allocation Decisions Made by Nurse Practitioners Delivering Primary Health Care Services in Community Clinics.” At a time of health care reform, her work will examine the attitudes and practices of care givers in community clinics as they distribute scarce resources to patients.

I would like to acknowledge the members of the 2010-2011 Research Grants and Awards Committee for their service, Dr. Sheau-Huey Chiu, Dr. Elaine Fisher (chairman), Dr. Marlene Huff, Dr. Tracy Riley, and Dr. Kathleen Tusaie.

2011 DELTA OMEGA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

Submitted by Dr. Elaine Fisher



Ms. Katelyn Hausfeld is the Outstanding Undergraduate Student

Ms. Katelyn Hausfeld was recognized at the April awards ceremony as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student. Katelyn excels academically and clinically. Faculty describe Katelyn as, “an excellent clinical nursing student who is sensitive, organized, and a budding leader.” Katelyn enjoys working with children and their families during times of stress. Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse.

Ms. Jessica Prokop Receives the Outstanding Nursing Graduate Student Award

Jessica Prokop is a graduate student in the Pediatric Advanced Practice Track at the University of Akron, College of Nursing. She is a woman driven to make an impact on nursing and in her specialty area of pediatric practice. Jessica works in the school nurse program through Children’s Hospital and with individuals with disabilities at Hattie’s. She is enthusiastic and proactive in her career development. She “trialed” taking a doctoral level course this semester and will enter into doctoral study in the fall while finishing her advanced pediatric practice program. Jessica excels in her teaching role as a graduate student. She doesn’t miss an opportunity to interface with faculty doing research and to take advantage of offers to collaborate and write papers with faculty. She is a well thought by her faculty and peers. Congratulations Jessica Prokop on receiving the Outstanding Nursing Graduate Award.

Mrs. Barbara Brunt Receives the Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award

Mrs. Barb Brunt is an individual who is recognized locally and nationally as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration and research. Barb leads by example and encourages others to become involved in professional organizations. She is the current President of the Delta Omega Chapter, STT International and the immediate past-president of the National Nursing Staff Development Organization. She is the Director of Nursing Education and Staff Development at Summa Health

System and has spearheaded many projects. Barb was recognized by the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) as the most certified nurse at the Magnet national conference. Barb is an respected author and presenter in the field of nursing education. Congratulations to Barb Brunt as this year’s recipient of the Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership

Ms. Jan Bahle Receives the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award

Ms. Jan Bahle was recognized for her expertise in clinical nursing practice at the April, 2011 induction ceremony. Jan is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Robinson Memorial Hospital where she contributes her expert knowledge to inpatient and outpatient programs. Since 2005, Jan has given over 25 professional presentations in the area of smoking cessation within the Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania region. Her nominator said, “Jan possesses attributes of a true clinical scholar. In addition to the numerous presentations, she is published and a recipient of numerous research grants. She was co-founded the Northeast Ohio Stroke Association and has served as its Vice President and Education Committee Chair. She is a project director with the Portage County Tobacco Prevention Coalition and is a highly sought after preceptor for advanced practice nursing students. Congratulations Ms. Jan Bahle for being this year’s recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award.

Dr. Linda Linc is the Recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Education Award

Dr. Linc Linda has a long noteworthy career as a nurse educator. Linda’s career has spanned Diploma, Associate, Baccalaureate and Graduate nursing education. The individual who nominated Linda for the award said, “I have witnessed Linda’s commitment and devotion to teaching while she has been the Chair of the Nursing Division at Walsh University. She is well loved by her students for her ability to teach complex ideas in an understandable way.” Dr. Linc enthusiastically shares her

knowledge and experiences with students and faculty alike. One faculty remarked Dr. Linc is an excellent mentor in teaching and others seek her assistance with course development. We congratulate and recognize Dr. Linda Linc as this year's recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Education Award.

Dr. Christine Graor Receives the Award for Excellence in Nursing Research

Dr. Christine Graor is an Assistant Professor at The University of Akron, College of Nursing. She recently was awarded a university faculty research grant to conduct a qualitative study on the meaning of "engagement" for acute and chronic persistently mentally ill persons seeking primary care treatment. Her work has important implications for this population of individuals and other underserved and vulnerable populations, particularly as we enter into healthcare reform. Christine has built a research team. Her enthusiasm for research is infectious to students in the Honors Program as well as in her undergraduate and graduate research classes. Students comment on their interest in conducting research beyond her classes. Dr. Christine Graor has a solid start in research and we can expect to see her research continue to advance the science of nursing.

Ms. Sandy Germano Receives the Award for Excellence in the Utilization of Nursing Research

Sandy Germano is the Quality Improvement Coordinator at Summa Akron City and St Thomas Hospitals. She utilizes the latest evidence to promote best care practices for patients. Sandy has led or was a member of many initiatives involving safe practices, e.g., fall prevention, skin care and pressure ulcer prevention, delirium screening and prevention. The person nominating Sandy said, "Nurses seek Sandy's guidance as they complete Care Outcomes Projects through the Clinical Ladder Program. Sandy shares her knowledge and shows the nurses how to find evidence for their projects. Through her assistance, the number of nurses completing Clinical Nurse II projects increased from 2 to 30 in just a few years." Sandy monitors

nurse sensitive indicators and identifies areas for improvement. She works with leadership and staff nurses to identify actions to improve patient outcomes. Congratulations Sandy Germano, the 2011 recipient of the Excellence in the Utilization of Nursing Research Award.

Dr. Diana Biordi Receives the Excellence in Nurse Mentoring Award

Dr. Diana Biordi is the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs at The University of Akron, College of Nursing. She is described by her nominator as an, "exceptional career planner." Dr. Diana Biordi nurtures students and faculty on a daily basis whether it relates to developing a research idea, implementing a project, editing a manuscript, or planning a career trajectory. She is an advocate for faculty and students. She applies her mentoring skills to students at any level – BSN, MSN, Ph.D. as well as, faculty from novice or seasoned members. Another comment was, "I am ever impressed at her ability to think outside of the box and project future needs for nursing and more broadly to health care needs of people." Her enthusiasm is contagious. She considers each person an individual, beginning where the person is and nurturing them as they develop. She allows plans to shift as the individual grows and celebrates in successes but more importantly, is there to support during times of failure. Congratulations Dr. Biordi, recipient of the Excellence in Nurse Mentoring Award.

Spring Induction

The Delta Omega annual Induction/Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday April 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Quaker Station in Akron. There were 6 nurse leaders, 36 graduate students, and 48 undergraduate students who accepted the invitation to be inducted. The new inductees are listed on the next page.

Community Leaders

Karrie Nicole Boss
Susan Clark *
Cinderella Jane Menhart
Karen Mitchen*
Teresa Ann Westerheide-Haller
Aimi Zajac

Barb Brunt and Community Leaders



Brian Vereb
Melissa Walter
Christina Waybright
Not present*

Graduate Inductees



Graduate Students

Erik Anderson*
Lisa Ash
Kathleen Ann Burns
Theresa Cline
Beth Cooke
Courtney Culbertson*
Sonya Curry
Saryna Dent
Kerry Doyle*
Patricia Duniver*
Ashley Eckenrode*
Kevin T Frank
Dana Gillette*
Karen Lynn Guzi
Monica Halter*
Chantelle N. Harris
Karla Houze
Kristin Ireland*
Yoojung Kang*
Julie Loyke
June Mack
Tiffany Ann McCombs
Amy Mikusa
Monica Milovancev
Jenny Montgomery*
Melisa Petti*
Tammi Poteet
Christin Pozek
Kiran Rai*
Allison Sabo*
Sandra Shaw*
Elizabeth Grace Spillan
Laurie Varga*

Undergraduate Students

Rafiu Adeniji
Daniel Joseph Anderson
Julianne Berish
Bridget Rene Borojevich
Weston Kay Bowers
Elizabeth Carver
Monique Cason*
Andrea Chaumont
Sarah Lynn Dietzel
Melissa Formanik
Nicole Elizabeth Fortlage
Sarah Garland
Hannah Green*
Safeta Hagen
Gloria Harvey
Teri Hillestad
Margaret Kearney*
Rita N. Konneh
David Kucmanic
Sandra Kung
Akousa Anim Kusi-Amankwah
Rebecca Lewis
Kristin Metzger*
Ruby Miller*
Austin David Mitchell
Tenisha Lashawn Neal
Lauren Nicholas
Tara Piovarchy*
Lisa Prebish
Beatrice Santinga
Kathryn Joyce Schmid

Brittany Kristine Seifer
Emily Ann Shelton
Bernadette Sisk*
Anna Snowden
Mihaela Sogorean*
Christopher Spolarich*
Travis Stephens*
Nicchia Patrece Thomas
Christine Vujanov
Rachel Ware
Nicole Warner
Linda Weekley*
Megan Xiong*
Saissy E. Young
Samantha Zellhart*

Undergraduate Inductees



Congratulations to all these inductees. Everyone enjoyed a reception after the induction.

Letter to the Editor

The following is a reprint of a letter to the editor that was published in the South Side News Leader on May 6, 2011.

Nursing Week recognizes nurses for their work

For National Nurses Week, I wanted to share some of my thoughts about nursing. Nurses are the key to quality care in a transformed health care system. Nurses are in a unique position to assist meet the needs of all patients for quality health care by practicing to the full extent of their skills and education.

Nurses' knowledge and expertise are in demand. The Affordable Care Act calls for a larger role for nurses in health care delivery. It emphasizes new models of care that feature nurses in prominent roles.

The public values and trusts nurses. For the 11th year in a row, nurses topped Gallup's annual list of occupations rated for their honesty and ethical standards. The public knows that we will look after their best interests and the best interests of their loved ones.

Nurses are there for patients. Patients know that we are the ones who respond when they're in pain or are afraid, answer their call lights 24-7, and take the time to listen and answer their questions honestly and completely. Nurses are the first responders in times of crisis – whether it's helping at the scene of a car accident or providing care during a hurricane.

Nurses help patients navigate the system and understand health needs. We serve as the interpreter of complex information –explaining diagnostic tests, treatments and the maze in the health care system. We serve as the go-between in interactions with physicians and other members of the health care team – and sometimes even with family members. All along the way, registered nurses provide patients with the information they need to keep them safe, as well as how to lead healthier lives through preventive and self-care measures.

Nurses are the puzzle solvers and guardians. Beyond our caring and compassion, registered nurses have the analytical thinking and decision-making skills to look at patients. Nurses are constantly monitoring a patient's condition so we can catch a potential problem.. We are literally the last line of defense for patient safety.

Nurses have many faces. Although the public most likely thinks of registered nurses as generally working at the bedside in hospitals or in their

children's schools, the reach of nurses is much, much wider. For example, nurse practitioners are sometimes the only health care professionals providing primary care services in remote, rural areas or in low-income, urban neighborhoods. And some of the most cutting-edge research on everything from preventing heart disease in women to alleviating physical symptoms during cancer treatment is being done by nurse researchers.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. If you know a nurse, please take the time to thank him/her for what all nurses do to ensure high quality care for everyone and to make this world a better place.

Submitted by:

Barbara A Brunt, MA, MN, RN-BC, NE-BC
President Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau
International, the Honor Society for Nursing

News from The University of Akron Submitted by Christine Graor

Several Delta Omega members presented at the 2011 Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference in Columbus on March 25th. Amber Wick, a UA senior, chapter member, and newsletter co-chair, presented her senior honors project, titled "The Effects of a Health Policy Course on Political Engagement and Self Efficacy of Graduate Nursing Students". She was sponsored by the College of Nursing and Honors College.

In addition numerous faculty members, including Carolyn Murrock, Lori Kidd, Linda Shanks, Marlene Huff, Pat Galon and Christine Graor presented at that conference.

Pat Galon and Christine Graor also presented at the All-Ohio Community Psychiatry conference the following day.

News from Summa Health System Reporter: Barb Brunt

Victoria Wells, MSN, RN, CAPA was named the Nursing 2011 journal's Nurse of the Year. The award was presented to her at the Nursing 2011 symposium in Nashville, TN on April 28th.

Suzanne Hughes, MSN, RN, FAHA, FPCNA presented a session on "From Adherence to Advocacy: The Need to Reduce Sodium" at the American Society of Hypertension (ASH)/Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association (PCNA) Joint Session at the ASH 26th annual scientific meeting in New York in May. She also presented a session on "Lessons Learned in Juggling Research and Practice" at the American College of Cardiology 60th annual Scientific Sessions in New Orleans in April, and "Public Health Approach to CVD Risk Reduction in Women" at the 5th annual ACC Heart of Women's Health Conference in Washington DC in February.

Tiffany Kenny, MSN, RN, C-EFM did a paper presentation on "Current Clinical and Basic Investigation" at the 59th Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Washington DC in May.

Lyn Benedict, MSN, RN, CNS did a poster presentation on "Outcomes of an Acute Delirium Recognition, Intervention, and Treatment Program" at the NICHE annual conference in Las Vegas in April. The poster received 2nd place.

Barbara Brunt, MA, MN, RN-BC, NE-BC had excerpts on "Networking and Experienced Nurses" published in the *Daybook for Nurse Educators*, published by Sigma Theta Tau International.

Summa celebrated Nurses Week with a variety of activities, including donuts and pizza delivered to the units, a concert presented by the management

staff, research and evidence-based practice posters, a presentation on Harambee, Let's Pull Together (a presentation on Summa's Palliative Care partnership with Kakamega Hospice in Kenya), and a Care Beyond Awards Luncheon.

Two Summa employees (Chris Dexter, a LPN from 6 West and Kate Metzger, a surgical tech in OR) received full tuition scholarships to pursue their education as a RN. Linda Keifer, a staff nurse in the OR and Monica Halter, a staff nurse on Behavioral Health both received \$1,000 Umansky scholarship to continue their education.

Christi Villemain, BSN, RN, a staff nurse in PACU at Akron City Hospital and Alison Neading, BSN, RN, CMSRN, a staff nurse from Main 7 East at St Thomas Hospital both received RN preceptor excellence awards.

Sheila Steer, MD, Gwenn Fletcher, MD, and Valorie Prulhiere, BSN, RN, SANE-A (Emergency Department) had their names and research title for strangulation published in the March 2011 issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine* as award winners.

Dr. Kyle Allen, Carolyn Holder, MSN, RN, GCNS-BC and Joseph Ruby, President & CEO Area Agency of Aging, presented "Care Transitions in Akron" during a webinar entitled "Care Transactions in Action: From Hospital to Home in Two Communities" sponsored by the Federal Administration on Aging on March 30th

Barbara Brunt, MA, MN, RN-BC, NE-BC presented a poster "Integrating Staff Development in a 7-Hospital System" at the Driving the Future conference in Cleveland in March, the ONA SD/CE conference in Columbus in April, and at the Nursing 2011 Symposium in Nashville at the end of April.

Patricia Walter, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN presented a poster of "The Effect of Virtual Care Simulation on Nurse Confidence Levels" at the

Dimensions of Cardiac Care Conference in Cleveland in April.

Nancy McManus, Med, BSN, RN-BC, CGRS presented a one hour CNE program "HIV Update" to the Stark Carroll Nurses Association in March.

Cathy Bishop, RN, CHPN received a \$2,000 research grant from the Ohio Nurses Foundation in April. Barbara Brunt, MA, MN, RN-BC, NE-BC received a \$3,500 research grant from the National Nursing Staff Development Organization

Suzanne Hughes, MSN, RN, FAHA, FPCNA had three articles published: "Accountable Care and the Cardiovascular Nurse" and "Are you Assessing the Communication 'Vital Sign'?: Improving Communication with our Low-Health-Literacy Patients" in the *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing* and "Hypertension: Implementing a Practical Approach to Quality Improvements" in the *Ohio Family Physician*.

Jane Soposky, MSN, RN, NEA-BC received the Barbara Mims Distinguished Nurse of the Year Award from The Summit-Portage District Ohio Nurses Association in May.

Dr. Allen and Lyn Benedict, MSN, RN, CNS traveled to Nashville to accept the American Excess Insurance Exchange Risk Management Award for the Summa delirium prevention, intervention, and treatment quality improvement project at Premier's award ceremony, and also presented the project at the breakthrough sessions.

Katherine Hawn, MBA, MNS, ND and Anne Doane, MSN, RN-BC had an article "Management of the Surgical Weight Loss Patient" published in the March/April issue of *AAACN ViewPoint*.

Report on Strategic Doing Plan 2009- 2011 Delta Omega Chapter STTI

Please go to the Delta Omega website to view this document –

<http://www.uakron.edu/nursing/about-us/stti>

Save the Date

Mark your calendar now for the 41st Biennial Convention in Grapevine, Texas from October 29th through November 2nd. Information about registration, hotel, the schedule, presenter information, and volunteer opportunities is located on the STTI website at

[http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/Biennial Convention](http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/BiennialConvention). This is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

Call for Leadership Interns and Externs

The Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing congratulates you on the special recognition of your academic and professional accomplishments and offers an opportunity for you to advance in nursing leadership. This prestigious international honor society of nursing provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. We support the learning and professional development of our members, who strive to improve nursing care worldwide (<http://www.nursingsociety.org>).

As a response to this mission, the Leadership Succession Committee is inviting undergraduate and professional nurses as applicants to the Leadership Program. The program is designed to promote and develop future leadership for STTI. The Leadership Program is your opportunity to grow professionally and personally, to develop or expand your leadership skills and learn more about

STTI and the Delta Omega Chapter. You would be considered as a leadership extern or intern. A leadership extern is a licensed registered nurse. A leadership intern is a newly inducted undergraduate member. The leadership extern or intern will be mentored by a member of the Board of Directors and will have the opportunity to:

- learn skills for leadership development
- be mentored as a nurse leader
- develop networking opportunities
- participate in honor society activities at the international, regional and chapter levels

The leadership program criteria include:

- Interest in the Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International
- Availability for a one year term: June through May.
- Show evidence of service, scholarship, and dedication to nursing
- Aspire to strengthen leadership skills
- Current member of Delta Omega Chapter

Each selected extern and/or intern will be expected to:

- ❖ Attend a minimum of 50% of board meetings
- ❖ Attend and be introduced at the Induction Ceremony
- ❖ Participate in special event planning and implementation
- ❖ Be available for future chapter leadership positions
- ❖ Attend (with chapter sponsorship) chapter, regional, and international events

The Delta Omega Chapter Leadership Program is an excellent and exciting way for undergraduate and professional nurses to learn more about STTI and develop the necessary skills and confidence for

successful leadership in nursing globally. The application process includes:

- A current curriculum vitae
- Letters of recommendation from two Sigma Theta Tau International Delta Omega Chapter members
- Completion of the Application Form (attached)

Send all application materials to the following address:

Christine Heifner-Graor, Leadership Committee
Chair
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graor@uakron.edu

The due date for all application materials is **July 15, 2011**.

For more information contact Christine Heifner-Graor, Leadership Committee Chair at e mail:
graor@uakron.edu.

Delta Omega Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau International
Leadership Program Application Form

I am applying to be an Intern Extern
(Please check one).

1. Please describe your current and past leadership experiences.
2. What are your leadership goals in the areas of scholarship, research, practice, and education in nursing?
3. How would participation and experience in the Delta Omega Chapter Leadership Program contribute to meeting these goals?
4. What benefit would your internship/externship have on Delta Omega Chapter?

Note: An updated Calendar of Events for 2011-2012 will be included in the Fall 2011 newsletter

Sigma Theta Tau International
Delta Omega Chapter
Calendar of Events 2011

Event	Date	Time	Location
Winter Program	January 19, 2011	6:00 pm	Akron General Medical Center
Board Meeting	January 24, 2011	5:00pm	MGH 101
Winter Program	February 3, 2011	6:00 pm	Akron General Medical Center
Information Session	February 7, 2011	12:00 noon	MGH 306
Research Grants Deadline	February 15, 2011		
Board Meeting	February 28, 2011	<u>Newsletter deadline</u> 5:00pm	MGH 101
March Program	March 3, 2011	7:30 am – 4:15 pm	Summa Health System
Awards Deadline	March 15, 2011		
Board Meeting	March 28, 2011	5:00pm	MGH 101
Induction /Awards	April 10, 2011	2:00 pm	Quaker Station
Spring Program\Business Meeting	April 14, 2011	5:30pm	TBA
Board Meeting	April 25, 2011	5:00 pm	MGH 101
Board Meeting	May 23, 2011	<u>Newsletter deadline</u> 5:00 pm	MGH 101
Transition Meeting	June 27, 2011	5:00pm	MGH 209

Visit the Calendar of Events on our website for important deadlines and upcoming events:
<http://www.uakron.edu/nursing/about-us/stti>

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