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## IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER 232 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Lourdes C. Salandanan, MSN, RN-BC, FNP  
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*Greetings Iota Sigma Members!*

*Have you logged in to the Circle? Sigma Theta Tau International recently launched the organization's next step in member engagement ~ The Circle. The Circle is the organization's new online professional networking community. It was developed to connect members with each other, their chapters, regions, and headquarters. It connects us with the benefits and services of membership. Members can now participate in discussions, personalize their profile, and access new chapter websites. We can "friend" other members by finding them via the member directory and network with others that are most "like" us. All active members have been added to the Circle. Once you log in, you can determine what information you would like to share and who you would like to share it with. So log in today. Be ready to provide the email address you normally use to login to the STTI website and your 7 digit member number.*

*Our Spring Newsletter includes the following articles:*

- Induction in the Philippines – Congratulations to our Iota Sigma members in the Philippines who coordinated the University of the Philippines Honor Society of Nursing Fall Induction last November. An article and pictures were submitted by Dr. Lourdes Marie Tejero of the University of the Philippines College of Nursing depicting STTI President Karen Morin who led and spoke at the induction.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- Iota Sigma Members in the Philippines – Chapter member Jerome Babate recapped the numerous activities of our members Iota Sigma members in Asia.
- The APU SON 7th Nursing Research Conference will be here soon. Reminders and invitation are features in the newsletter.
- Chapter Induction – Along with a report about our Fall Induction is an invitation to not only the Spring Induction but also an invitation to donate to the Annual Silent Auction. As many of you recall, the proceeds of the auction benefit the numerous students to whom we provide scholarships and research grants. Your generosity will be very much appreciated by our students.
- Summer Health Care Missions – Opportunities to Serve. Dr. Pam Cone wrote of the numerous opportunities our members and students have to serve and learn through health care missions to the Dominican Republic, India, and Haiti. For more information about participation or partnership with the summer health care teams, please contact Dr Pamela Cone, the missions coordinator for the APU SON, via email at [pcone@apu.edu](mailto:pcone@apu.edu) or by phone at 626-815-6000 x5466.

## IOTA SIGMA FALL INDUCTION

By: Patricia Perry,  
Vice President

Sixty-five inductees from the Undergraduate BSN, EENAP, ELM, and MSN programs were inducted at the Fall Induction held on December 17, 2010 at a well-attended morning event. The guest speaker was Ms. Sally Bixby, RN, BS, MS, CNOR, who spoke on “Supporting Nursing as a Profession in a Media Opportunity” through the upcoming Tournament of Roses Parade in 2013. Ms. Bixby will become the first nurse to serve as the president of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, California. The 2013 Tournament of Roses Parade will boast the first-ever float dedicated to nursing. A group of nurses from California formed a non-profit organization, Bare Root, Inc., to raise funds and can be explored further at [www.Flowers4thefloat.org](http://www.Flowers4thefloat.org), where supporters can donate their time and money and also learn about sponsorship opportunities. Thank you, Sally – well done!



*Board Members of the Iota Sigma Chapter at the Fall Induction Ceremony*

# FALL INDUCTION 2011

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Iota Sigma invites you to nominate and/or solicit applications for the Nurse Leader category of membership for the December 2011 STTI Induction.

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**The requirements to be considered for induction as a nurse leader include:**

- Be legally recognized to practice nursing in his/her country
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field
- Demonstrate achievement in nursing

STTI lists examples of achievements in nursing that would warrant recognition as a nurse leader. A list of sample achievements from previous candidate forms are also listed. See:

[http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/ApplyNow/Pages/nl\\_memcriteria.aspx](http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/ApplyNow/Pages/nl_memcriteria.aspx)

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A “submit an application” site is also listed on the same page.

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Submit by November 1, 2011

Thank you,

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## SUMMER 2011 HEALTH CARE MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

By: Dr Pamela Cone

This summer the Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing (APU SON) is partnering with the APU Office of World Missions – Focus International (OWM-FI) department to co-sponsor six trips that have a health care focus. While we encourage our nursing students to apply for membership on any of the 30 teams going out around the world in the spring and summer of 2011, we especially want nursing students to have health care experiences in diverse cultures to increase their global competency.

The six teams with a specific health care focus include one to the Dominican Republic, two to Haiti, and three to India. The teams all have student leaders who are mentored and supervised by the OWM. Their leadership training includes group management, budget planning and management, and country specific preparation. The philosophy of the OWM is to enter a country as a learner and to only go to an area at the request of an in-country host organization. We want to partner with national or NGO groups who are interested in receiving teams to help in specific ways.

Team DR (Dominican Republic) is being led by Anna Parton and Grant Zomermaand. They plan to work with a church sponsored clinic for the poor in the Port of Haina beside Santo Domingo, a school for the poor and indigent in Hato Major, the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, DR, and Sharing the Vision in Santiago, DR. They will provide health care at the first three sites, conducting mobile clinics in sugar plantation villages near La Romana and serve the STV group by working with youth. This is a 6-8 week trip with about two weeks at each site. At this time, there is one nursing faculty going for two weeks and the team would appreciate any nurses, particularly those fluent in Spanish, who would be willing to join them for two weeks at a time.

Haiti has two teams, including one going for four weeks in June, led by Sarah Gherghel and Danielle Briscoe. They will work primarily with mobile medical clinics and children's orphanages in Northern Haiti. Their goal is to partner with North Haiti Christian University (UCNH) and encourage long-term missionaries, clinics, and schools of nursing as they struggle to meet the great challenges facing health care in Haiti. They also hope to teach Haitian nursing students mental health and rehab nursing content. Two nursing faculty and one nurse will accompany them. The second team, a solely School of Nursing Team in partnership with APU sister school UCNH, is going in August. Led by Erin Henry and Marjorie West, this team will go for three weeks to work in mobile medical clinics and children's homes. Two nursing faculty and three nurses in graduate school will accompany this team.

There are two teams going to India to work in various capacities supporting health care there, all led by seasoned team leaders familiar with the nation of India. Leif Nunneley and Nick Homeyer will lead the Kolkata (Calcutta) team in May and June. They plan to serve the people of India by showing the love of Christ in a practical way partnering with street children through Good News Children's Educational

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Ministries and with the destitute and dying through Mother Teresa's work. The team will use non-technical-skills learned in nursing school to care for the physical and spiritual needs of the people. The third team will work in Hyderabad as well during June and July. Led by Charis Wolfe and Caleb Scarth, they plan to work with Compassionate Hands in medical clinics, at a Leper Colony, and at an orphanage, teaching educational programs and serving through other focused opportunities. They will be supervised by personnel from the NGO and by Indian health care providers.

All levels of nursing students, Undergraduate, MSN, and PhD were invited to participate, and the teams were formed by early February. They have begun to meet as teams and planned to spend the Presidents Holiday weekend in an initial team bonding retreat sponsored by OWM – FI. As there are team leaders for each team, seasoned nurses and Faculty Advisors are not considered leaders of the teams; rather, Faculty Advisors and nurses from the community or graduate nursing school are asked to supervise the clinical work of pre-licensure students. Nurses may commit to all or part of a trip. The options include the following:

- 1) Clinical team taking the Transcultural Health Care Outreach course – for student credit
- 2) Medical Mission team w/supervision – not for credit, but health care focused that is general knowledge
- 3) Mission team with some health care focus (often health education & hygiene focus) – not for credit; ministry but not beyond scope of anyone with health care or first aid preparation

Last summer, Iota Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International sponsored a team that went to Haiti in August by giving \$1000 toward their financial support and by praying for them during their trip. Individual IS members are encouraged to partner with our nursing students both financially and through prayer support. For more information about participation or partnership with the summer health care teams, please contact Dr Pamela Cone, the missions coordinator for the APU SON, via email at [pcone@apu.edu](mailto:pcone@apu.edu) or by phone at 626-815-6000 x5466. The team leaders will be glad to meet with individuals and/or groups to share specifics about their trips and make it possible to connect with their teams and partner with them for these amazing opportunities to serve!



## STTI PRESIDENT INDUCTS UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UP) HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Dr. Karen H. Morin, President of the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing and professor at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, led the induction ceremonies for officers and members of University of the Philippines Honor Society of Nursing (UP HSN) on Nov. 12, 2010 at Alvir Hall at a reception hosted by Chancellor Arcadio.

The UP HSN was accepted as a pre-chapter of STTI in December 2008. If successful, it will be the first STTI chapter in the Philippines.

The Honor Society was established on July 16, 2008. It aims to provide global opportunities for professional advancement, leadership, scholarship and networking. Membership to UP HSN adheres to STTI standards. Dr. Josefina A. Tuazon was elected founding President with Dr. Cora A. Añonuevo, Dr. Lourdes Marie S. Tejero, Prof. Lydia T. Manahan, Dr. Araceli O. Balabagno, and Dr. Bethel Buena P. Villarta as Board of Directors. Dr. Tejero was also elected President Elect.

Dr. Morin flew in from Bangkok for a 2-day visit upon invitation of Dean Tuazon. She also conducted a seminar-workshop on Trends in Conducting International Research and Writing. This was attended by deans of colleges of Nursing in the Philippines and other nurse leaders.



## PHILIPPINES' IOTA SIGMA MEMBERS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCES

It has been a very good year for the Iota Sigma members from the Philippines in terms of their participation in international nursing events. Just recently, Dr. Erlinda Casro-Palaganas of UP Baguio - Institute of Management and Dr. Cora Anonuevo of UP College of Nursing presented papers at the First International Conference on Qualitative Research in Nursing and Health(QRiNH) at Wiang Inn Hotel, Chiang Rai, Thailand last 1-3 December 2010. Dr. Palaganas, also the National President of Philippine Nursing Research Society Inc., presented a paper on *“Learning with communities: Structure and mechanism for reproductive health program among indigenous people of the Cordilleras”*. While Dr. Anonuevo (currently the national treasurer of the Philippine Nursing Research Society Inc.) presented a paper on *“Qualitative data analysis: Establishing validity or trustworthiness”*. Dr. Anonuevo also presented a poster entitled, *“Are we really a caring society? A Filipino perspective”*.

Professor Faustino Jerome Babate presented a paper on *“Linking Education and Leadership Behaviour in the Context of Developing the Nursing Practice”* at the 9th Biennial International Nursing Conference held in the Universiti Brunie Darussalam. Dr. Irma Bustamante (Universiti Brunie Darussalam) was also in attendance at this conference.

Last 2-4 October 2010, Mr. Babate was the keynote speaker in the 1st Java International Nursing Conference held in Semarang, Indonesia. Earlier this year, he received the poster award in the 7th PNAA International Nursing Conference held in Cebu, Philippines.



## MEMBERS “IN THE NEWS”

**A grant was awarded to the School of Nursing through the efforts of Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz, School of Nursing, Founding Director of the funded program.**

**dela Cruz, F.** (2011, February). Recipient (for APU), California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Song-Brown Program, \$48,000 in funds to continue the Second Careers and Nursing (SCAN) program.

The grant will help continue and sustain the Second Careers and Nursing (SCAN) program’s student recruitment, mentorship and retention programs; formative and summative evaluation; faculty and student projects in health disparities; and program information dissemination. The Song Brown Program funds RN education programs to increase access to health care services.

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**The expertise of Dr. Marilyn Klakovich, School of Nursing, was shared in a webcast seminar viewed in another country.**

**Klakovich, M.** (2011, February). Evidence-based practice scholar’s program. Seminar presented via webcast, Notre Dame of Marbel University, General Santos City, Philippines.

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**A regional conference presentation was given by Dr. Judy Hutchinson and Miss Julianne Smith, Center for Academic Service-Learning and Research, Dr. Paul Flores, Liberal Studies, Mrs. Julia Pusztai, School of Nursing, Dr. Stuart Strother, School of Business, and Mr. Jeff Williams, Azusa Conservatory of Music.**

**Hutchinson, J., Flores, P., Pusztai, J., Smith, J., Strother, S., & Williams, J.** (2011, January). *Reciprocity and urban health in an immigrant community: Bridging the town/gown divide through academic service-learning*. Presentation at the Regional Gathering of the California Campus Compact, Azusa, CA.

**Presentation Abstract:** This session focused on the process, outcomes and promise of academic service-learning as a force for community health in the immigrant urban landscape. Service-learning professors from a variety of fields of study presented their experience as it relates to the lower income immigrant community of Azusa. The session included 1) the impact of business students on economic development, 2) the influence of music majors on community building through the arts, 3) the contribution of nursing students in health promotion and diabetes prevention through a Neighborhood Wellness Center, 4) the creation of a new vision for the future among fourth graders and their parents through a program called CHAMP (College-Headed and Mighty Proud),

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and 5) the resource of Federal Work Study funds/students in educational support and community building within a marginalized immigrant population. The growing public awareness of the need for education that makes a difference along with the desire of the Millennial generation of college students for purpose, meaning and relationship in their college experience creates an opportunity for our colleges and universities to make a major impact on their urban environments.

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**Three journal articles and a contribution to a journal supplement, written by Dr. Sheryl Y. Tyson, School of Nursing, and colleagues, were published.**

Han, A., Kim, E., & **Tyson, S.Y.** (2010, October). Partner violence against Korean immigrant women. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 21(4), 370-376.

Clark, L. Colbert, A., Flaskerud, J., Ludwig-Beymer, P., Omeri, A., Strehlow, A. J., Sucher, K., **Tyson, S.**, Zoucha, R. (2010, October). Culturally based healing and care modalities. In M.K. Douglas and D.F. Pacquiao (Eds.), *Core curriculum for transcultural nursing and health care* (pp.236S-306S). *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 21(4 Supplement). Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publications.

**Tyson, S.Y.**, & Flaskerud, J.H. (2009, January). Family and community responses to mental illness. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 30(11), 718-719.

**Tyson, S.Y.**, & Flaskerud, J.H. (2009, January). Cultural explanations of mental health and illness. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 30(10), 650-651.

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**News from an APU School of Nursing Alumni and former Iota Sigma Student Intern....**

I accepted a position as the only new graduate nurse in the ED Versant Residency Program at Seton Medical Center in Austin. SMCA has Magnet recognition and is located in downtown Austin, TX. The manager personally called me this morning and said that although he had only known me for 45 minutes, he thought there was something special about me. He chose to offer me the position over two of their own well-qualified staff members who had interviewed. He expects me to be a “rising star” in their Emergency Department, and I intend to live up to his expectations.

I just wanted to thank you as my professors, mentors, and friends for challenging me and supporting me throughout nursing school. It is such a relief to finally have a position, but I think it was worth waiting for. I cannot thank you all enough...so thanks again!

God is good.

Michaele Holman, RN BSN



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**NURSING ODYSSEY 2011:**

**“NURSING IN TRANSITION:  
A CALL TO ACTION”**

**OCTOBER 20 & 21  
SHERATON CERRITOS HOTEL**

## 2011-2012 IOTA SIGMA CALENDAR


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**Pinning  
Board Meeting  
Memorial Day**

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**Independence Day  
22nd STTI International  
Research Congress  
Cancun, Mexico**

23	SCAN Mentorship Dinner Cohort 7	<b>AUGUST '11</b>						
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**Labor Day  
Board Meeting**

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**Biennial Convention,  
Grapevine, TX  
Veterans Day  
Board Meeting  
Career Fair  
Thanksgiving Break**

## 2011-2012 IOTA SIGMA CALENDAR

		DECEMBER '11						
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12	Board Meeting					1	2	3
16	Induction / Pinning	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19-30	Winter Break	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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		JANUARY '12								
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		FEBRUARY '12						
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13	Information Meeting & Freshman Welcome +				1	2	3	4
	Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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		MARCH '12								
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		APRIL '12						
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2-6	Spring Break	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Easter	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9	Board Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
TBD	Spring induction	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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		MAY '12								
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TBD Transition Meeting

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