

# SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER PRESIDENT KATHIE TAYLOR

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Kathie Taylor with the 2004-2005 Iota Sigma Board Members

With this issue I mark the mid-way point of my two year term. This first year of serving as President of the Iota Sigma Chapter of The Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau International has been a wonderful growing experience. Included in the many experiences was growing to know just how much Sigma Theta Tau International does to help each of us keep abreast of the diverse field of nursing in today's complex medical arena. A year of growing to know what one can receive for \$.23 cents a day? For just \$.23 cents a day each of us get to not only participate with nurses from our local chapter, Iota Sigma, but nurses from 90 different countries around the world. For just \$.23 cents a day we receive:

- copies of Reflections on Nursing Leadership and the Journal of Nursing Scholarship, both of which share the wealth of nursing information in a scholarly, yet practical format
- access to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) for information on upcoming conferences, such as this years Biennium, continuing education courses, data bases for your evidence based practice project or research project
- networking with nurses in other chapters either through the e-forum or regional web sites
- shopping for nursing products, books and apparel
- celebrating with each other in the achievement of a variety of accomplishments

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

Therefore, as President of the Iota Sigma Chapter I encourage each of you to take time to visit not only the International Web Site at [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org), but also Iota Sigma's web page at [apu.edu/IotaSigma](http://apu.edu/IotaSigma). Each web site provides you with the ability to renew your dues and update your personal information on line and complete the Volunteer Information Profile to help us know each of you better.

The Summer 2005 issue of the Iota Sigma Newsletter is full of celebrations. Viann Duncan, Iota Sigma Secretary, tells of the Dean Installation for Iota Sigma members, Aja Lesh, Marianne Hattar, and Renee Pozza. Cathy McPhee, Immediate Past President, writes of our 45 new members and the excellence awards. Marilyn Klakovich, Vice President/President Elect, celebrates the successful collaboration of 12 Southern California Sigma Theta Tau International Chapters in organizing the fall Nursing Odyssey Conference. Gena Favero, celebrates her year as our 2004-2005 Student Leadership Intern, and Merry Tehari, your Community Service Award Recipient, tells of her work with family and friends in Afghanistan.

Last, but certainly not least, I celebrate Vicky Bowden and her volunteering to serve as editor of this issue of our newsletter. Just as Vicky has stepped up to bat for a short term project, so can you! If you would like to do more, we will be looking for new committee and board members for the 2006-2008 term of office.

To volunteer either let us know via the Iota Sigma Web Page or me, Kathleen Taylor at [kltwtrswmr@msn.com](mailto:kltwtrswmr@msn.com).

## AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY NURSE LEADERS ARE INDUCTED INTO INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NURSING

By: Cathy McPhee



New Inductees into Iota Sigma Chapter 2005

Forty Undergraduate and Graduate students at Azusa Pacific University, as well as five community nurse leaders, were inducted into the Iota Sigma Chapter of The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) at Azusa Pacific University on April 23, 2005.

Inductees included APU junior students Kelly Boone, Elizabeth Boyes, Adriana Diaz, Stacy Greenblat, Naomie Ruth Mie Kondo, Annie Modellmog, Emily Penner, Amanda Perkins, Lynn Quitariano, Laura Reed, Rebecca Rock, Kellie Simpson, and Cecilia Widjaja. Senior students inducted were Brenda Bodily, April Cash, Barbara Horsley, Kappie Staunton, and Jane Yu. RN to BSN inductees were Michelle Becker, RN, Ofelia Biagan, RN, Kimberly Carreon, RN, Eva Cristobal, RN, Paula Johnson, RN, and Celeste Aguirre Rangel, RN.



Members are Welcomed to the Induction Ceremony

Graduate students inducted were registered nurses Veronica Betco, May Carillo, Marilyn Chandler, Carla Branch Christensen, Melinda Dicken, Marilou Domaguing, Corazon Francisco Rachel Gilmer, Erin Goodrich, Mercedes Gossett, Lisa Kampen, Senene Owen, Kim Ramirez, Maria Del Carmen Reyes, Beth Vawter, Theresa Wilcox, and Victoria Winter.

Community nurse leaders inducted were Faustino Jerome Babate, RN (Brokenshire & Notre Dame of Dadiangas Colleges in the Philippines), Deborah Benada, RN (Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills), Lisa Jia, RN (UCLA), Robin Lammers, RN (Citrus College, Orafalea Family Children's Center), Faith Richardson, RN (Assistant Professor of Nursing, Trinity Western University, BC, Canada).

Financial scholarships were awarded to undergrad student Amanda Perkins and PhD student Patti Shakhshir, RNC, MSN, CNS. A research grant went to Pam Cone, MSN, RN, APU faculty, for her study of the perceived needs of homeless mothers. A community service award was presented to Merry Taheri, RN to assist her with her work in Afghanistan. Other awards presented were Excellence in Nursing Leadership to Shila Wiebe, MSN, RN, Chair of Undergraduate Nursing at APU, Excellence in Education to Annie P. Odell, MSN, RN, CFNP, APU faculty and Excellence in Clinical Practice to Laura Guerrero, FNP, San Antonio Community Hospital and Private Practice.

The keynote address by Dr. Susan Elliott, APU faculty and a member of the first graduating class, was "When God has a plan: Nursing Scholarship & Global Practice".

Sigma Theta Tau works to foster, develop and connect nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care. The society promotes nursing excellence through its initiatives in research, leadership, an electronic library, programming and publications and develops and distributes nursing knowledge for use in practice. The more than 700 members of Iota Sigma Chapter welcome these newest members.



New Member are introduced at the SON Spring Pinning Ceremony



Award Winners at the Spring Induction Ceremony

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD TO BENEFIT ORPHANS IN AFGHANISTAN

By: Merry Taheri, RN

**My father, a surgeon and my mother, a nurse, emigrated from Afghanistan to New York before I was born. After the age of two, my parents decided to go back to their native country of Afghanistan where they could assist the underserved people in the provinces. My parents and my three year old sister were killed by the Russians in Afghanistan in early 1980s. My brother and I survived the unfortunate tragedy.**

**After 20 years, I recently traveled to Afghanistan to observe and witness the tragedy from the past 25 years of War that has affected the country and its people. During my trip, I visited a hospital in Mazar-i-Sharif province outside the Capital city, Kabul. I also had the opportunity to visit some orphans and widows in Afghanistan. While I was there, I learned that Afghanistan has one of the highest numbers of widows and orphans among the world due to the War and invasion of Soviet Union in 1979. There are children and women on the streets begging for money and food. The orphans are dying on the streets and orphanages from hunger. The orphans are dying in the winter due to lack of clothes and supplies. These orphans are dying in the summer from heat exhaustion due to lack of shelter, water, and electricity. They are dying from infections caused by the water they are drinking.**

**I have been blessed to receive the Community Service Award presented to me by the Iota Sigma Chapter. I plan to take the money that accompanied the award to one of the orphanages in the province of Afghanistan and purchase clothing for the children. I would also like to raise additional funds and add them to this award to build a water well for the particular orphanage. This purified water will not only prevent infections but also prevent senseless deaths of these innocent children.**

**Thank you members of Iota Sigma Chapter for presenting me with the Community Service Award for 2005.**

## RESEARCH CORNER

By Marilyn Klakovich, President Elect and Vice President, Chair Research Task Force and Key Award Task Force

In this issue, I'll provide you with updates on our Research Award recipient for 2005, share the latest on our upcoming collaborative research conference, and close with some exciting news about the 16th Annual International Research Congress in Hawaii this July.

### RESEARCH AWARD UPDATE

At the 2005 induction ceremony, Pam Cone received the research award to assist her to complete her study "A Qualitative Study of the Perceived Non-Physiological Needs of Homeless Mothers". She is completing this study for her dissertation research at the University of California, San Francisco.

If you are interested in applying for an award to assist you with your research, please email me at [mklakovich@apu.edu](mailto:mklakovich@apu.edu) and I will be happy to assist you to prepare and submit your application. The process is quick and easy and it's never too early to apply for the 2006 award!



Students share their reasearch posters

## ODYSSEY 2005 CONFERENCE

The theme of our annual conference, sponsored in collaboration with all SoCal chapters of STTI, is Odyssey 2005—Nursing: The Rhythm of the Universe. It will be held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel on Thursday and Friday, October 20, 21, 2005. Many of our members and students participated as speakers, poster presenters, exhibitors and attendees at the 2004 conference, and we would like to see the same level of involvement again in 2005! Look for the brochure posted on this website.

## 16TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONGRESS

We are pleased to announce that Iota Sigma will be well represented at this prestigious conference. The following members will be presenting their research at the conference which takes place in Waikoloa, Hawaii, July 14-16, 2005.

The leadership team of the newly developed Second Careers and Nursing (SCAN) program will be presenting a symposium entitled: The Logic Model: A Framework for the Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of an Accelerated Master's Entry Into Nursing Program, organized by the director of the program, Felicitas Dela Cruz\*, DNSc, RN, FAANP. The symposium will include the following sessions:

Moving In: Recruitment and Admission of Non-nursing College Graduates

Susan E. Elliott\*, PhD, RNC, FNP, WHNP, Associate Director and Phyllis Esslinger\*, RN, MS, Recruiter.

Moving Through: A Multi-level Interdisciplinary Student Mentoring Program

Patricia Frohock Hanes\*, RN, MSN, MAEd, Faculty Mentor.

Moving Out: "Town and Gown" Collaborative Partnerships

Marilyn D. Klakovich\*, DNSc, RN, CNAA, BC, Program Evaluator.

Podium Presentations include the following:

Drug Therapy Response Rates in HIV/HCV Co-Infected Patients

Renee Pozza\*, RN, MSN, CNS, CFNP, Anna Hefner\*, RN, MSN, PNP, Karel Biando, N/A, Tarek Hassanein, MD, FACP, FACC

Use of the Critical Incident Technique for Instrument Development

Marilyn D. Klakovich\*, DNSc, RN, CNAA, BC and Felicitas A. Dela Cruz\*, RN, DNSc, FAANP.

Poster Presentations include the following:

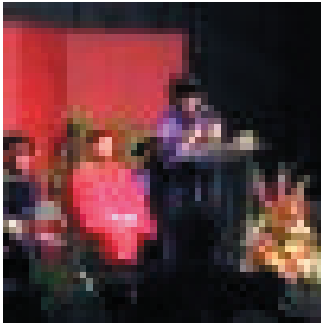
Factors in the Control of Hypertension in Filipino Americans

Felicitas A. dela Cruz\*, RN, DNSc, FAANP, and Carmen Galang, RN, DNSc, School of Nursing, California State University at Long Beach, Long Beach, CA, USA.

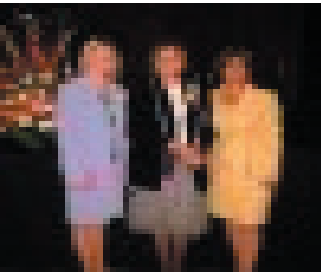
Operationalizing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security: Global Nurses Needed for Policy, Education, and Research

Susan E. Elliott\*, PhD, RNC, FNP, WHNP,

\*Iota Sigma Members



New Leadership



New Leadership

## THE NEW SON LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sigma Theta Tau International is well represented in the new leadership team for Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing. The new dean Aja Tulleners Lesh, PhD and new associate deans Marianne Hattar, DNSc and Renee Pozza, MSN are all active members of the local chapter Iota Sigma. Azusa Pacific University held a day long event to install the leadership team and to recognize the doctoral program recently begun. The day included an installation ceremony and a series of guest speakers that spoke on topics such as social ethics, international health and taking the BSN to the Ph.D. All the students in the School of Nursing were in attendance as well as many nurse leaders from the community and other Universities. Dean Lesh and Associate Deans Hattar and Pozza have long been supporters of the activities of Iota Sigma and the chapter looks forward to the future under this new leadership team.

## IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER SPONSORS STUDENT BARBEQUE

**On April 2, Iota Sigma had an opportunity to team up with Undergraduate students of the Azusa Pacific University's School of Nursing to sponsor a barbeque celebrating the successful recreation of Code Blue. Code Blue is a program that teams up Junior nursing students with students enrolled in UNRS-105, Fundamentals of Nursing Practice. The students are paired up to create a mentorship style relationship. This semester there were 42 Freshman students and 50 volunteer Junior students.**

**The event was held on the West Campus lawn with over 30 students in attendance. Freshman and Junior Team professors were invited to attend along with the Iota Sigma Executive Board, the Student Nurses of Azusa Pacific (SNAP) Board, and the Administration of the School of Nursing. The students and faculty that attended spent the afternoon eating a delicious barbeque lunch and playing volleyball.**

**We are excited to see such an encouraging and supportive environment being created at the undergraduate level by members of the student body. This event also created an opportunity for the Iota Sigma Board to introduce themselves to the student body through conversation one-on-one with the students allowing members to answer specific questions. It was a joy to spend time with members and potential members of Iota Sigma outside of the classroom. Iota Sigma is looking forward to working with the leaders of Code Blue next semester!**

## A GREAT YEAR AS A STUDENT LEADERSHIP INTERN

By: Gena Favero

Serving as the Student Leadership Intern this year was a wonderful experience. I learned so many things about the workings of Iota Sigma and its board. I was able to participate in so many things which I enjoyed so much. The experience I gained through this position is very valuable to me, and I have learned a lot about myself and my leadership abilities. Some of the activities I was able to participate in included our chapter's participation in the Memory Walk, helping to organize student information functions, and I was even able to attend the Leadership conference in Indianapolis where I officially became an International speaker educating other chapters on the responsibilities of my position.

This position is so valuable to the students who are inducted to the Iota Sigma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and it is a unique opportunity that our chapter offers to its students. I found at the Leadership Conference that while many chapters offer a leadership intern position, there are few that offer this position to a student. The fact that Iota Sigma offers this opportunity to its student inductees shows the chapter's desire to connect with inducted students. I believe that it also gives students a good stepping stone for coming into leadership within the chapter. I was offered the opportunity to apply for a board position this coming year as I graduated and will no longer be the Student Leadership Intern. I would have felt very confident accepting one of the board positions after I had served in my position this year. I am so much more confident in my abilities to lead in the chapter and if I were not starting in a new grad program in August, I would be more than happy and prepared to accept a board position.

I hope that this is an encouragement to the members of our chapter that the Student Leadership Intern position is a wonderful opportunity and experience for any student. We stress the importance of becoming involved in our chapter and there is no better time to start than at the beginning. Serving this year has given me a great foundation for further involvement in the Iota Sigma chapter. I look forward to becoming involved as a community member rather than a student member. I am so glad I have had this opportunity

# IOTA SIGMA 2005-2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 6 & 7, 2005 5PM-8PM

Strategic Planning Meeting at the home of Iota Sigma's new Vice President, Susan Elliott in Azusa, Ca. For more information please contact President, Kathie Taylor at [kltwtrswmr@msn.com](mailto:kltwtrswmr@msn.com)

July 12-16, 2005

The Third International Evidence-Based Nursing Preconference and 16th International Nursing Research Congress

September 12, 2005

Iota Sigma Board Meeting at the APU School of Nursing Library 5:30PM

October 10, 2005

Iota Sigma Board Meeting at the APU School of Nursing Library 5:30PM

October 20 & 21, 2005

SoCal STTI Nursing Odyssey Conference, Cerritos Sheraton, Cerritos, California

October 22, 2005

Alzheimer's Memory Walk in Inglewood, Ca. at the Hollywood Park Race Track, more information to come.

November 2005

Iota Sigma Board Meeting, date to be announced as many board members will be attending the Sigma Theta Tau, International Biennium in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the usual date.

November 12-16, 2005

Sigma Theta Tau International 38th Biennial Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana.

December 12, 2005

Iota Sigma Board Meeting and Christmas celebration at the APU School of Nursing Library 5:30PM

January 9, 2006

Iota Sigma Board Meeting at the APU School of Nursing Library 5:30PM

February 2006

Iota Sigma Annual Meeting and Education Program, date to be announced

March 3, 2006

APU School of Nursing Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
Breakout Session I