

A Message from the President...

Greetings to all Delta Tau members! I hope this message finds everyone safe, thriving, and excited about the upcoming year. As I reflect upon the 2005-2006 year, I am amazed by all the outstanding work that Delta Tau At-Large Chapter has accomplished throughout the year. Delta Tau has maintained its position as a very active and successful chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, and as members, we should all be very proud of our chapter and of our commitment to the mission and goals of STTI.

The events this past year have been remarkable, such as the annual Tri-State Consortium Brunch where our chapter had the largest turnout of any in the tri-state area. As a reminder, save the date--Sunday, October 15, 2006, for this year's 20th Tri-State Consortium Brunch as Action News Health Reporter, Anita Brikman, will be the guest speaker. I am always pleasantly surprised at the commitment displayed by not only the Executive Board of the chapter, but also by the general membership. This commitment was most strikingly evident when Delta Tau requested assistance from its general membership after Hurricane Katrina. The membership heard the call and responded quickly and generously with donations that helped nursing students at Our Lady of Holy Cross College (OLHCC) in New Orleans. Delta Tau plans to send another donation, as the students, faculty and school are still in the process of rebuilding.

Delta Tau was also very proud to have been well represented at the 38th Biennial Convention in November. The conference was informative and revitalizing, as STTI President Carol Picard proved to be an inspiration both as a nurse and leader, and Delta Tau was honored for its 25th anniversary as a chapter. The culminating event of the past year was the official re-chartering of our chapter to include Immaculata University, which happened concurrently with our Annual Induction Ceremony. The ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Jean Brown, who was an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Immaculata. Jean was responsible for initiating the "merger" of Immaculata with Delta Tau and we were extremely delighted that her husband, Lee, and daughter, Julie, could join us for the ceremony. It is my pleasure to officially welcome our 174 newly inducted members to the chapter!

In June, the Executive Board of Delta Tau held its Annual Planning Meeting. The first order of business was to congratulate and welcome the incoming officers from the 2006 election. Sara Eldridge will continue as our secretary, and Cathleen Jenner and Beth Chiatti will continue as Vice Presidents for Holy Family University and Eastern University, respectively. Shelia Cunningham will remain Faculty Counselor for Neumann College, and Marge Lacey will serve as Faculty Counselor for Immaculata University. In addition, Denise Yonkoske agreed to serve and was appointed as Vice President for Immaculata University by the Executive Board. Currently, the office of President-Elect remains open. The President-Elect serves one year in this office (2006-2007) and then serves two years as President of the chapter (2007-2009). If you would be interested in serving in this position, please email deltatau@libertynet.org.

Please know that each and every member of the Executive Board is dedicated to the continual growth and success of Delta Tau, and we welcome any suggestions or comments that you may have. Take this opportunity to have *your* voice heard. After all, it is *your* chapter and its success or failure depends largely upon member participation. If you do not feel ready to commit to serve as an official board member---you can always volunteer to assist with mailings or help plan an event. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work." To keep up-to-date about chapter events or to download brochures or award applications, visit our website at: <http://deltatau.libertynet.org>. I look forward to seeing many of you at future Delta Tau events!

Eileen M. Alexy, PhD, APRN, BC
President~ Delta Tau At-Large Chapter

2006~2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 15, 2006
ANNUAL TRI-STATE
CONSORTIUM BRUNCH
LOCATION: EMBASSY
SUITES HOTEL,
PHILADELPHIA

OCTOBER 9, 2006
BOARD MEETING
NEUMANN COLLEGE
MONDAY, 6:00 P.M.

*** WEEK OF**
JANUARY 19, 2007
BOARD MEETING
HOLY FAMILY
UNIVERSITY
6:00 P.M.

JANUARY 30, 2007
ALL SCHOLARSHIPS &
AWARD APPLICATIONS
DUE!

***WEEK OF**
APRIL 2, 2007
PRE-INDUCTION PIZZA
PARTIES

APRIL 22, 2007
27TH ANNUAL
INDUCTION CEREMONY
EASTERN UNIVERSITY

***JUNE 2007**
ANNUAL PLANNING
MTG
EASTERN UNIVERSITY
9:30 AM

*** DATES TBA**

*26th Annual Induction Ceremony
Welcome to our new members...*



EASTERN UNIVERSITY

CHERI BETCHEL
LESLIE CAHILL
PATRICIA HENRY
ANGELA JOHNSON
BRYANT JOHNSON
JANET KANE
ELIZABETH LEONARD
BRIGID POLK
MARGARET SHEETS
MICHELLE TATKO
SHARON THOMAS
WANDA THOMPSON
JAMEY WILMOTH
BOBBIE WARNER
SAMANTAH WESNER

**HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE S**

ROBERTA ALSTON
PRINCE ATTIA
ERIN BEGNAUD
LISA BELL
KIMBERLY BRADLEY
ASHLEY BROWN
CANDICE DEBELLIS
CLARISSA DELA PENNA
THERESA DIMICHELE
SR. ELIZA DUDEK
KIMBERLY EASLEY
VALERIE FAULCKES
RACHELE FORTINI
TIFFANY GALLAGHER
SIGY GEORGE
KIMBERLY GIAMBRA
REBECCA GREER
COLEEN GREGORY
KRISTY HUCALUK
MEGAN KELLY
ASHTON KUEHNLE
KELLIE LIND CIEPLINSKI
MEGHAN MAGUIRE
DANIELLE MARQUIS
KELLY MCCUSKER
JOYCE MCGUIRE
CHRISTIN MCHENRY
ALYSON MERCER
AMY NOWICKI
JENNUFER O'DONNELL
DEENA RUDOLPH
MONIQUE SAVAGE
STEPHANIE SMITH
ALEXANDRA STAVOLA
THERESA STUMPO



HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS

PATRICIA FLYNN
BARBARA MCCORMICK-MEJIAS

MARIA RUPP
MARY VITO-HICKS

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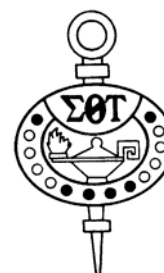


NEUMANN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE &
GRADUATE STUDENTS

- STEPHANIE BROWN
- MORGAN DUNBAR
- JENNIFER FAIRHILL
- JENNIFER GAVIN
- DONNA GOLATO
- KIMBERLY HOGAN
- RUTH HOMIAK
- REBECCA IULIANO
- HEATHER KOPCHA
- ERIN MOONEY
- SILVIA OSBOURNE
- LAUREN PAOLINO
- MARGARET RAYER
- JILLIAN RODGERS
- KRISTIN ROSATO
- KIMBERLY SALMON
- LYNN SCHELLER
- JOELLA SCOTTO-D'ANIELLO
- DENISE SHELMEYER
- CELIA SHERMEYER

- ROSEMARY COLEMAN
- MARY JANE SPEEN

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATES,
GRADUATE STUDENTS &
IUNHS
MEMBERS



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IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES

JOANNA HORST
STEPHAN JONES
KATIE KNECT
TRACY LAMB
TRACY LANOZA
KRISTEN LOEHR
JACQUELINE METZ
BONNIE MILLER
MAUREEN MILLER
KATHY NAFZINGER-KOLB
CHRISTINA O'REILLY
KIMBERLY O'SHEA
BARBARA SAW
MARIE SIECK
BEVERLY SMYK
AGNES STROSSER

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS

NANCY BERRY
NADINE CORALLUZZO
CHERYL FULGINITI
LYDIA HOEHL
MAUREEN KENZAKOWSKI
MILDRED LEERING
DAVID LIPSCOMB
MARY MABRY
DAWN MACGIBENY
TRACEY MILLER
GAIL OSTROWSKI
KATHLEEN PESHULIS
PATRICIA POSERINA
LESLIE STRIMEL
CHARLYNE WARREN
DENISE YONKOSKE

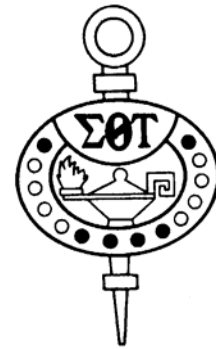
IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY NHS MEMBERS

SUSAN AUXIER
PATRICIA BARBER
BARBARA BURNHANS
RHONDA COYLE
MARY DAY
DOLORES DEMARCO
LANA DE RUYTER
PATRICIA DEYENNO
FLORENCE DICKERSON
DOROTHY DILGER
CATHLEEN EVANS
SARA EWING
CHRISTINA FELDER
THERESA FRANKFORT-STEELE
KARLYNNE GALCZYK
KATHLEEN GIBSON
LINDA GIORNO
RENA GOLDHAHN
NANCY GREER
TONI HOOK
JENNIFER HOOPES
MELISSA JONES
MARY ELLEN KEARNEY
MARIANNE KELLNER
DEBRA KELLY
MARY KIEH
SUSAN KOSTER
DAVID KRAMARZ
ANN KUNSCH
MARGARET LALLY
BONITA MARY LEAH LANTIERI
MARGARET LENNON
MONICA LOZAGA
KATHLEEN LUCIDI
KEVIN MASSINO
RUTHANN MCKNIGHT-CHELIUS
VERA MOUSER
CHARLES PAYNE
ROMAINE PLEBAN
SARAH REID
THERESA RICHMOND
DENISE ROBINSON-PINDER
SUZANNE SHAY
MARILYN SHERMAN
LORI SHIFLETT
LORRAINE SLYE
DEBRA TAGLAND
LESLIE TAHLER
CAROLYN WALSH
DARLENE WHENRY
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
MARY WILSON
PATRICIA WINDHAM



COMMUNITY NURSE LEADERS

JACQUI BAK
PAM ERTEL
NANCY GAINES
MARY HUNTER ZAMULINSKI
KATHLEEN MAGUIRE
CATHERINE TOTTSER
CHRISTINE TOY
MARIPAT WELZ-BOSNA
SUNG CHON YOO



26th Annual Induction Ceremony



**2006 RESEARCH AWARD
WINNER**
M. CATHERINE WOLLMAN



**2006 UNDERGRADUATE
AWARD WINNER**
BRYANT JOHNSON
(NOT SHOWN)



**2006 OUTSTANDING NURSE
AWARD WINNER**
LIZ LOEPER



Annual Induction Ceremony & Charter Ammendment...

On April 30, 2006, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large held its twenty-sixth annual induction ceremony. Nancy Sharts-Hopko Treasurer, Sigma Theta Tau International presided over the Ceremony. This year marked the occasion of Immaculata University's addition to the Delta Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Immaculata received the charter in a ceremony held at the 38th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis in November 2005.

The April induction ceremony took place at Immaculata's Great Hall with a reception following in the Green Room. The ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Jean Brown an assistant professor of nursing at Immaculata University who was responsible for setting in motion the merger of Immaculata University Nursing Honor Society and Delta Tau. One hundred and seventy four new members were inducted into the Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large family.

The 2006 Undergraduate Scholarship was awarded to Bryant Johnson to support his pursuit of a bachelor's degree in nursing at Eastern University. M. Catherine Wollman was the recipient of the 2006 Research Award. The award will facilitate the completion of Catherine's dissertation thesis, which involves the development of an assessment tool to identify older adults with dementia at highest risk for poor outcomes. Finally Liz Loeper, assistant nursing professor at Eastern University was the recipient of the Outstanding Nurse award.

On behalf of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large, the executive board once again wishes to congratulate our new members.



Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Denise Yonkoske, and Eileen Alexy

Scholarship and Grant Monies Available

Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large will award one Graduate and one Undergraduate Scholarship each in the amount of \$1000 during the 2006-2007 year. Additionally, we will award one Research Grant in the amount of \$1000. The Graduate Scholarship and Research Grant Awards will be given directly to the recipient to be used toward his/her graduate course of study and research. The Undergraduate Scholarship Award will be deposited into the student's account at his/her school.

In order to be eligible for the *Undergraduate Award*, the applicant must:

1. Be currently enrolled as a nursing student at Eastern University, Holy Family University, Immaculata University or Neumann College.
2. Agree to a 1 year service commitment to the chapter
3. Completed all JUNIOR level nursing courses
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA or 3.25
5. Submit a short essay.
6. Submit one copy of official transcripts.
7. Submit a faculty recommendation.

To be eligible for the *Graduate Award*, the applicant must:

1. Be an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large (paid dues are up-to-date)
2. Agree to a 1 year service commitment to the chapter
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25
4. Completed 1/3 of graduate program requirements.
5. Submit a short essay.
6. Submit one copy of official transcripts.
7. Submit a faculty recommendation.

To be eligible for the *Research Grant*, the applicant must:

1. Be an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large (paid dues are up-to-date)
2. Submit Proposal Abstract (limited to 4 pages)
3. Present a poster presentation at induction ceremony

Deadline for all applications is **January 30, 2007**. The recipients of the Undergraduate, Graduate, and Research Awards will be acknowledged at the 27th Annual Induction Ceremony. To receive an application and further instructions for any of these awards, please contact your faculty counselors (Liz Loeper, EU, Mary Wimbwell, HF, Marge Lacey, IU, Sheila Cunningham, NC) or visit our website: <http://deltatau.libertynet.org> and click on Calendar of Events to download an application.



The Chapter Helps Students

Every year the chapter supports some type of community service at each of the schools. Sometimes we struggle to find the right fit but we have talented members who bring ideas for the chapter to support. After the Katrina and Rita storms, we all knew we wanted to do something for students in the those areas....but what would help the most?? So the decision was made to contact a school in the New Orleans area and make a contribution to their Nursing Laboratory to help replace equipment and supplies. Seemed like we made a good decision....but Patricia Pretcher at Our Lady of Holy Cross College offered a better plan...help the students.

Our Lady of Holy Cross College is a small Catholic, commuter college with a Division of Nursing with 179 students and a prenursing pool of about 450 students. We contacted the college and connected with Pat to explain our goal and without hesitation she said “ make your monies available for the students for books, uniforms, and stethoscopes”. While Pat did need to replace things in the Lab, her priority was helping the students get set up to continue their education.

Dr. Pretcher told us she contacted each of the 179 students – 25 of those students lost everything they had. Their families lost everything. Several of the students lived in St.Bernard parish which was almost 100% wiped out by Katrina.

Pat shared some of the emails she received from students:

....” It is pretty bad but at least we survived. We lost everything and are staying with family members. I hope to see everyone soon but I just don’t know how or when I’ll be able to”. J.L. (Junior Student)

....” I lost everything in my room but my parents home is just ruined because of the mold. I am looking forward to getting back to school in January. I hope my classmates are ok. Please tell them I need their prayers”. N.N (Junior Student)

.....”Dr Pretcher I was so excited when you called me. I am feeling so stressed about everything. My family lost everything they had...my Dad lost his business. I have no books or uniforms and how will I pay tuition? I am going to come back somehow. I miss the College and am determined to graduate with my class. Plesse pray for me”. C.C (Senior Student)

The chapter sent \$500 to Pat for the students on 12/1/05. We certainly wished it could have been more. We are committed to sending another \$500 in 2006. Will you help add to that fund?? Would you send a donation so we can match and add to that \$500.00? If each member donated \$5 we could help each of those 25 students who lost everything.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

*Mary Wombwell Holy Family University
Delta Tau Chapter~At~Large*



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Cathy Jenner, Vice President, HF
Denise Yonkoske, Vice President, IU
Nicky Hardy, Vice President, NC
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*Assistance Needed For
Delta Tau
Community Service Project*

Dear Colleagues,

At this time we are asking for contributions for our Annual Community Service Project .

If you can spare \$5.00 or \$10.00, it would go a long way towards helping some worthy nursing students.

Please send checks and make them payable to:
Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. Donations should be mailed to our treasurer:

*Dr Kathleen McMullen
School of Nursing & Allied Health Professions
Holy Family University
9801 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19114*

We appreciate your support for this project.

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could make a donation to
Delta Tau Chapter when
renewing your
STTI membership?
It's just a click away...**