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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear fellow Beta Kappa members,

This has been an exciting academic year with many changes at STTI and with our local chapter. At the Biennium last November, a new brand identity and logo were rolled out. We are now known as Sigma Nursing. While Sigma Theta Tau, International, will be reserved for more formal communications and induction, "Sigma" is our new name, with tagline of "Global Nursing Excellence."

Our Beta Kappa Chapter has made some changes to our meeting room in McLeod, with a renovation and "facelift." We have a new research series, a new Presidents Scholarship, and we are archiving our files, photographs, and memorabilia to be ready for our 50th anniversary celebration in just over 3 years!

Please join us for our annual Membership Meeting on 4/26 at 3:30 p.m. in McLeod Hall, to be followed by a research presentation, and a reception honoring our awardees for the year. Plus, we will officially unveil and rededicate our renovated Beta Kappa Room.

Thanks to all of you for your leadership past, present, and future. It has been an honor to serve as your President.

Best wishes,

Ken



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Renovations Under Way in Chapter Room 1009

Meeting space receives "face-lift"

The Beta Kappa meeting space, located in McLeod Hall 1009, is undergoing renovations. They include new chair rail moulding, freshly painted purple walls and the newest "Sigma" logo. This renovation comes just as Sigma Theta Tau re-brands as simply "Sigma". In collaboration with Lucie Kelly and current Beta Kappa leadership, there will be a wall with a timeline of pictures highlighting the past events and accomplishments of the Beta Kappa Chapter. Materials continue to be archived and reorganized in this new space. Please feel free to stop by the space!



Sigma: Rebranded

Sigma Theta Tau to be referred to as "Sigma"

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) will now be referred to primarily as "Sigma", with a new logo that emphasizes "Sigma" specifically, as well as a laurel branch. This new logo will replace the previous STTI logo containing the crest. The crest of STTI will remain a sign of honor and distinction, and thus, will be reserved for use on sacred materials for membership and chapter information like certificates, coat of arms plaques and graduation stoles.

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How To: Become a Sigma BK Member

Beta Kappa simplifies membership process

Beta Kappa has streamlined its membership invitation process to align with Sigma's current process. Candidates are encouraged to visit the Beta Kappa (BK) website at <https://community.nursing.virginia.edu/students/organizations/betakappa/> for information regarding the chapter in general, eligibility, and membership. Community nurse leader candidates must upload evidence that supports their contribution to nursing while student candidates must meet the determined GPA among other criteria. Qualified candidates will receive an invitation to join our chapter based on meeting these eligibility criteria. Applications are due by July 1, 2018. Applicants will be notified of Beta Kappa chapter's decision in mid-September. The induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with UVA's Family Weekend in 2018.



Sprint Pavilion Volunteers Needed

Contact Clara Winfield to volunteer

Volunteers are needed to man the draft cider cart at the Sprint Pavilion on April 30. There are eight volunteers needed. If interested, please email Clara Winfield at caw3k@virginia.edu. There will be future volunteer opportunities during Fridays After Five.

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Beta Kappa Honors Award Recipients

Scholarships given for research projects

This year's recipient of the Nancy Ballard Scholarship Award for STTI-Beta Kappa Chapter was Reynaldo (Ren) Capucaco, a CNL student at the UVA SON. Best of luck to Ren as he continues his CNL studies including his plans to study the history of Filipino nursing in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. This year's recipient of the Nan Hilt Excellence in Practice Award for the STTI-Beta Kappa Chapter is Bethany Sarosiek, RN, MSN, MPH, CNL from the UVAHS Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Program. Bethany's application was filled with details about how she met the criteria for this award. Her work to improve patient outcomes with ERAS is a spectacular example of how nurses contribute to health care and make a difference for patients. Well done!



Sigma member merchandise for sale

Merchandise with former STTI logo for sale

Beta Kappa has t-shirts in limited sizes for sale (mainly Large/Ex-Large) for \$5 each. There are STTI lab coats for sale (\$20) as well. If you are interested in purchasing these items, please contact Clara Winfield at caw3k@virgina.edu.

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Mary Dixon Gives Leadership Talk

Beta Kappa series hosts hospital CNO

University of Virginia Health System Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Mary Dixon presented on March 20 about leadership in nursing. Dixon relayed the importance of presence and relationship-building in managing departments and ultimately a large hospital. Dixon presented the innovations she has been able to make in partnership with nurses throughout the various departments in the hospital. She also described the development of her leadership style through stories of her family's history and her past experience as a CNO in Northern Virginia. Please join us for our next Beta Kappa series lecture by Mary Gibson this May 2018.



Beta Kappa Thanks 2017 Donors

Donations given to Sigma Foundation for Nursing

Beta Kappa would like to thank those individuals who donated to the Sigma Foundation for Nursing in 2017:

Pamela Cipriano
Nancy Dickenson-Hazard
Lucie Kelly

Catherine Sconzo
Kenneth White
Rafael Romo

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Research Dissemination Award Recipients Honored, Applications Open

Applications due April 16 for upcoming cycle

Beta Kappa gave out three Research Dissemination Awards in Fall 2017. Emily Buongiorno, Darrah Dickerson, and Andrea Valdez received a Research Dissemination Award that helped fund the presentation, “Global health experiences in CNL education: Case study of two projects in Guatemala using an innovative human-centered design approach” at the AACN 2018 Clinical Nurse Leader Summit. Ren Capucao received a Research Dissemination Award that helped fund the presentation focusing on Filipino nurses’ experiences in Hampton Roads between 1947 and 1992. He will present this at the 2018 SAHMS conference in Augusta, Georgia. A team of nursing students, Darrah Dickerson, Andrea Valdez, Grace Styklunas, and Kristin Zwicklbauer, will present their findings from a study in Guatemala at the AACN CNL Summit Conference. Congratulations to our recipients!

The deadline for this upcoming cycle’s Research Dissemination Award is April 16, 2018. The purpose of this award is to help members pay for travel expenses to a conference. Please submit applications to Kristina Davis (ksd5c@virginia.edu). To be eligible for this award, the applicant must be a Beta Kappa member and be presenting research at a regional, national, or international meeting. Application details for the Research Dissemination Award can be found on UVA School of Nursing website (<https://www.nursing.virginia.edu/service/stt/#A>). Please feel free to contact Randy Jones (raj9c@virginia.edu), research awards committee chair for additional information.

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