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SPRING INDUCTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2014

The ballroom at the Michigan League was filled to capacity as Rho Chapter celebrated its annual New Member Induction and Chapter Awards Ceremony on Sunday April 6. This year's induction group was one of the largest ever, with over 100 new members. In addition, Chapter President Sharon Smith presented Excellence Awards to nine members to honor their leadership, service, and excellence in practice and research. Dr. Marge Calarco welcomed the inductees and awardees on behalf of the Health System and Dr. Bonnie Hagerty gave remarks on behalf of the School of Nursing. The event was organized by our enduring Awards Chairperson, Mary Sue Webb, who coordinated the awards selection process and the ceremony. Rho Chapter also owes a debt of thanks to Faculty Counselor, Shandra Caylor, who coordinated one of our most successful member selection processes. And sincere thanks also goes to President, Sharon Smith, Vice-President Debbie Price, and all of the others who made this event special for our inductees and awardees. To see a photo slide show of the ceremony, click on this link:

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2014 Chapter Award Winners

Congratulations to our Chapter Award winners:

Front row:

Excellence in Education: Deborah Price, DNP, RN

Excellence in Practice: Martie McClain, RN, MSN-C

Excellence in Nursing Leadership: Sharon Smith, PhD, RN

Rising Star: Michelle Munro, PhD, CNM, FNP-BC

Back row:

Student Leadership: Jennifer Ragnoni

Excellence in Research: Laurel Northouse, PhD, RN, FAAN and Marjorie McCullagh, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, COHN-S (not pictured)

Mentorship Award: Cristina Wojack, RN, BSN, CCRN

Student Leadership: Amanda Wenger

Congratulations to Rho Chapter Research & Special Projects Grant:

Each year, Rho Chapter awards up to \$2500 per project to support members' scholarly efforts and research.

This year's awardees are:

Jody Lori, PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, Associate Professor, U of M School of Nursing- *Alerting adolescent women about reproductive education (AAWARE)*, and

Dr. Moira Visovatti, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, OCN, Research Fellow, U of M School of Nursing - *Cognitive symptoms and immune responses to colorectal cancer survivors*.



Dr. Jodi Lori

The next grant applications are due on September 30. See page 7 for details or visit the Rho Chapter website:

<http://nursing.umich.edu/info/current-students/clubs-organizations/sigma-theta-tau/research-grants> .

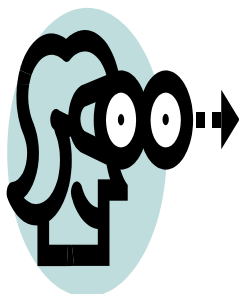
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Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/SigmaThetaTauInternationalRhoChapter](https://www.facebook.com/SigmaThetaTauInternationalRhoChapter)

Twitter: twitter.com/STTIRho



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Each year my pride in Rho Chapter grows when I preside over the annual Induction and Awards Ceremony. This year's event was particularly memorable with our largest induction class ever, and the opportunity to present awards to nine excellent nurse leaders and future leaders. I am very grateful for the support of Dean Potempa, who provided funding for the photography services for our event, to Dr. Marge Calarco for her support and publicity in the UMHS nursing community and to Jamie Meyers from the School of Nursing for her excellent publicity coverage on the School's website. My sincerest thanks especially goes to Mary Sue Webb, who has coordinated the Chapter Awards process and ceremony for many years. Mary Sue is seeking successors for this position and she will be a mentor for any volunteers. Please contact Amanda Schuh (krohna@umich.edu) if you are willing to help.

Our annual induction event is an opportunity to review Rho Chapter's accomplishments as part of the Chapter's strategic planning efforts. Our strategic plan focuses on enhancing chapter communications, support for members' scholarship and career development, and community service efforts. This year I am pleased to announce two new grants: The Honored Elders Membership grant to support long-term Rho members who need financial assistance to continue membership, and a Conference Attendance scholarship to support travel for members' scholarly presentations. See page 6 for details about these new funds. Our chapter is continuing to utilize electronic communication. This year we have established a Twitter account to share news, along with our chapter Facebook site. The chapter supported community service projects such as the Delonis Center and the Student Nurses' Association's FSIL (Haiti Nursing School) fundraiser, along with providing funds for videoconferencing equipment for FSIL. The chapter held a career event for new inductees on March 20, and continues to support continuing education and scholarship through conferences and poster events through the School of Nursing and UMHS. Our chapter is financially healthy and active, thanks to all of you--our loyal Rho Chapter members.

I would like to especially acknowledge donors who included additional funds for Rho or STTI with their annual dues: Gail Burleson, Jane Wilson Coon, Kathleen DeGrazia, Carol Fletcher, Margaret Gainer, Glenda Alverio Grandy, Marta Konrad, Carol Loveland-Cherry, Judith Lutz, Dorinda Nance, Lillian Simms, Marjorie Beyers, M Susan Delonis, Elaine Fellows, Judy Judd, Diane Prager, Sylvia Price, Sharon Smith. Thank you for supporting our Chapter!

RHO CHAPTER OFFICERS



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2014 Dean's Research Day (April 3, 2014): Learning on the Edge of Discovery



Dr. Barbara Brush

Rho Chapter was proud to provide support for the annual Dean's Research Day, showcasing scholarly work by the School's faculty and students. A highlight of the event was the installation of Dr. Barbara Brush, as the Carol J. and F. Edward Lake Term Clinical Professor. Dr. Brush presented this year's Suzanne H. Brouse Lectureship: *Nursing and population health: Opportunities and challenges for the 21st century*. "Most health conditions plaguing the world have more to do with care than cure," she said, characterizing population health as a quest for "causes of causes" related to health outcomes.

BSN honors student and new Rho Chapter member, Karin Thomas, along with her team Ellen L. Smith, PhD, APN-BC, AOCNA; Lang Li, PhD; Raymond J. Hutchinson, MD; Elizabeth Wells, MD; Richard Ho, MD; William B. Burnette, MD; Patricia L. Robertson, MD; Celia Bridges, BA, BSN, RN; James P. Kelly, BS student; Robert Knoerl, BSN honors student, Hillman Scholar; ChenWei Chiang, BS student; Jamie Renbarger, MD, MS, received the first place award among honors student posters for their presentation, "*Describing the incidence, patterns, and severity of vincristine induced peripheral neuropathy in children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.*" The Students' Choice award, chosen by members of Dr. Ellen Smith's nursing course, *Introduction to the Research Approach in Nursing*, was given to new Rho member, Jacob Wardach, BSN honors student, who was mentored by Janean Holden, PhD, RN. Their poster was titled "*The role of orexins in hypothalamic-mediated analgesia in neuropathic pain.*"

A photo display from the event is available at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/52147815@N04/sets/72157643595530423/show/>





KUDOS

Congratulations to the following Rho Chapter members:

Sarah A. Stoddard, Ph.D., CPNP, Assistant Professor, U of M School of Nursing has been selected as a Fellow in the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM). Dr. Stoddard will be honored in March during the 2014 SAHM Annual Meeting in Austin.

An-Yun Yeh, U of M doctoral student, has been selected for a Midwest Nursing Research Society 2014 Founders' Circle Endowment Fund Grant. Ms. Yeh's research is focused on the relationship of sleep disturbances and episodic memory in older adults and the potential connections to functional ability, depression, and aging.

Denise Cooper, a recent DNP graduate, won the first place award at the MNRS Conference this spring in the DNP poster competition. *Boqin Xie* won a third place award, for her research in the PhD poster competition.

Marjorie McCullagh, Ph.D., RN, PHCNS-BC, COHN-S, Associate Professor, U of M School of Nursing, has been elected as Director of Education of the National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA). Her work on hearing loss prevention in farm workers was cited in her nomination for this position.

In Memoriam:

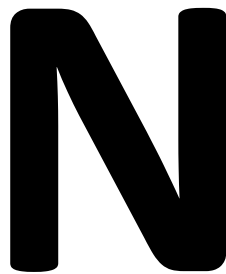
With great sadness, Rho Chapter notes the passing of Linda Lee Daniel, retired UMSN associate professor emeritus in community health nursing, on October 30 in Orlando, Florida. Linda was a very active member of Rho Chapter, serving as Chapter President in the 1970's and 1980's. She also served nationally as the Secretary of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

RHO CHAPTER SPONSORS CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH HAITI



On April 1 Rho Chapter supported a videoconference between U of M nursing instructors and students and instructors and students at their sister nursing school in Haiti, Faculte des Sciences Infirmieres de l'Universite Episcopale d'Haiti. The Haiti Cultural Video Exchange was very successful, thanks to the efforts of faculty members Norma Sarkar and Deb Price, along with technology support from LS&A and School of Nursing. Approximately 20 nursing students participated in the event. The Haiti Nursing students, dressed in their uniforms, gave prepared statements in English--quite an accomplishment for native French speakers! The videoconference provided an excellent dialogue as both sets of students learned about each other's nursing student experiences, culture, politics, and how health care is sought and paid for. The U of M students were surprised to learn about independent practices of Haiti Nursing students, including learning to deliver babies and suture wounds. U of M instructors hope to expand next year's videoconference to Brazil and Kenya.





NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR COMMUNITY NURSE LEADER MEMBERSHIP

Do you know a nurse who displays leadership, creative work, support for professional standards and commitment to scholarly nursing? Faculty—do you work with nurses in your practice settings who show these qualities? This nurse should become a member of Sigma Theta Tau! The "Community Leader" membership category is for practicing nurses who hold at least a bachelor's degree, and whose professional work exemplifies the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International.

To nominate a nurse for membership, use the nomination form on the back cover of the newsletter OR visit the Rho chapter website, and download the membership form by going to <http://nursing.umich.edu/info/current-students/clubs-organizations/sigma-theta-tau/membership> and scroll down and click on the "Community Leader" link.

The prospective member will be asked to complete an application and provide a C.V. Nominations are due **September 15, 2014**.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Rho Chapter Events:

- ◆ Community Leader nominations: Due September 15, 2014
- ◆ Research/Special Projects Grants: Due September 30, 2014

Rho Chapter Supported Events:

- ⇒ UMHS Nursing Poster Session 2014 (September 15-16, Towsley Conference Center, UMHS). Watch the Rho website for information: www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter
- ⇒ IPN Fall CE dinner (October 10, Kensington Court Hotel, Ann Arbor). Visit ipnnursing.org in September for registration information.
- ⇒ Rho chapter events are also found on the School of Nursing's online calendar and on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) sites. To access the SoN Calendar, go to www.nursing.umich.edu and click on "Events Calendar."

STTI Events:

25th International Nursing Research Congress, July 24-28, 2014. Join the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International and your peers in nursing research and evidence-based practice in Hong Kong. Register online at www.nursingsociety.org OR email congress@stti.org OR call 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada toll-free).



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Leadership Connection 2014, September 24-27, Indianapolis. Learn about chapter leadership and operations, as well as leadership development for nursing practice. Register at: <http://leadership.nursingsociety.org/registration.html>



ANNOUNCING TWO NEW CHAPTER GRANTS:

Rho Chapter is pleased to announce two new sources of financial support for members:

Honored Elders Membership

This fund was initiated to assist members who have belonged to Rho Chapter for more than 10 years , who are at least 70 years of age, have retired from nursing and no longer working full time. Members who wish to apply for this financial help should send their application to the Rho Chapter Faculty Counselor, Jessie Casida (jcasida@umich.edu) by August 31. Applications are available online at www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter (click on Awards link). If you do not have computer access, you may call the Rho Chapter support staff at 734-764-5315, and ask for a mailed application. Members need to apply each year for this fund.

Conference Attendance Scholarship

This award was established to support Rho Chapter members' travel expenses to attend conferences where they are presenting their scholarly work. Awards up to \$500 per member are available, and the Chapter can award up to \$2000 per year from this fund. Applications and additional information about the application process are available online at www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter (click on Awards link) or call 734-764-5315 to request mailed information.

The Rho Chapter Board approved these new funds in March to support members' involvement in chapter activities and members' scholarly work. The Board welcomes any feedback about these new funds. Contact Ann Kruszewski (annkrusz@umich.edu) with your comments or questions.

RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS:

Grants up to \$2500 are available to Rho members. Total grant funds awarded by Rho Chapter are limited to \$5000 annually, so apply early! Application deadline is September 30, 2014.

Visit our website at www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter. Click on "Research and Special Projects" for more information and the application form.



DON'T MISS IMPORTANT CHAPTER NEWS--UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH STTI:



Rho Chapter compiles email addresses from the STTI database. We use the STTI database for sending the Chapter newsletter, information about upcoming events, and photos from recent events. Be sure that your email address is up to date in your STTI member profile. Contact Membership Services to update your information: 888-634-7575 (toll free) or email memserv@stti.org .

Publication information:

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We welcome your comments and news about STT Rho members' activities.

Send your contributions via email by the 15th of April and November, to:

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