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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## SPRING INDUCTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY APRIL 8, 2018



Although Sunday April 8 was a chilly day, you could feel the glow of accomplishment at the Michigan Union Ballroom as Rho Chapter inducted 106 new members and presented awards to 10 deserving members. was an outstanding success. We were pleased to have Dean Patricia Hurn attend to give remarks on behalf of the School of Nursing. Dr. Jesus Cepero, Interim Chief Nursing Executive at Michigan Medicine welcomed the inductees and awardees on behalf of Nursing Services. Our emcee was Chapter President, Debbie Price, who gave an overview of our many Rho Chapter activities this year and introduced our new members, and presented the Chapter awards. Rho Chapter was also pleased to recognize our research grant recipient as well as the recipients of the Ketefian Fund grant. Dr. Shake Ketefian, who established this fund to support membership dues for international students from low and middle income countries, was on hand to meet the recipients., Rho Chapter was able to support the Delonis Shelter with gifts of socks and toiletries and a generous cash donation collected at the ceremony thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended the ceremony. Thank you to Awards Chairperson, Corinne Lee, and committee member, Mary Sue Webb, who oversaw the awards selection process and handled

the planning for the ceremony. Faculty Counselor, Kitty Murtha and Counselor-Elect, Beth Russell, did an outstanding job of recruiting and communicating with all of our new members. Chapter President, Debbie Price, Vice-President Libby Brough, and many other helpers also worked hard to make this event special for our inductees, awardees, and their families. The Chapter is very grateful to the School of Nursing for funding professional photography services for our event and to Jamie Myers from the School of Nursing for her excellent publicity coverage on the School's website. Our heroine in the background is Rho Chapter's outstanding administrative support person, Mary deBardeleben who managed the many details regarding induction and the awards ceremony. To see more photos including a slide show of the ceremony, visit this link <http://nursing.umich.edu/about/news-portal/201804/6480> For members who are reading a paper copy, visit the School of Nursing website: [www.nursing.umich.edu/](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/) click on News Portal, and look for the April 17 news item about STTI Awards.

### Congratulations to Rho Chapter Excellence in Nursing Award Winners

**Excellence in Nursing Education:** Kathryn Nelson, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC, recognized for her work in developing the first Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

**Excellence in Nursing Leadership:** Suzanne Knight, DNP, RN, recognized for her work as an integral part of the Michigan Medicine Magnet lead team, serving as a Master Coach to physicians and nurse leaders, and a preceptor to undergraduate and graduate nursing students.

**Excellence in Nursing Practice:** Suzanne Quallich, PhD, ANP-BC, NP-C, CUNP, FAANP, recognized for her expertise in male urology, having numerous contributions to the field of men's health, with creative and paradigm changing approaches.

**Rising Star** Alex Fauer, BSN, RN: recognized for his work with Dr. Chris Friese studying hazardous drug exposure in oncology nurses, disseminating findings to front line oncology nurse clinicians to inform practice change, and carving a career as a productive nurse scientist.

Excellence Award Recipients: Susanne Quallich, Katie Nelson, Denise St. Arnault, Austin Hill, Amber Prong, Deb Price, Caroline Kremers, Alex Fauer, Karina Becker, Suzanne Knight

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**Mentorship Award: Denise Saint Arnault, PhD, RN, FAAN,** recognized for her work in supporting doctoral students to present their work internationally and for her compassion and guidance for young nurse scientists.

**Student Leadership:** undergraduate nursing students Caroline Kremers for contributions to student government and Austin Hill, for contributions to student residence halls.

**Drickamer Student Mentorship:** undergraduate nursing students Amber Prong for work with Rho Chapter and Region 10 of Sigma, and Karina Becker, for her work with Ann Arbor Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society and the the first "Power of Palliative Care Conference"

**Congratulations to these Rho Grant Recipients:**

**Ketefian Grant Recipients:**

Habib Aleid (Saudi Arabia) Intan Baturbara (Indonesia), Thanchoak Wongvibul (Thailand)

**Rho Research Grant Recipient:**

Laura Sinko



By Debbie Price, DNP, MS, RN,  
President, Rho Chapter

## PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

What an inspiration to preside over our annual Induction and Awards ceremony as Rho Chapter president. It was an honor to welcome our 106 newest members and celebrate the accomplishments of ten Rho members who received the chapter's nursing excellence awards. I was especially surprised to receive a

chapter leadership award. Thank you, Rho members, for this memorable award.

Rho Chapter has many accomplishments over this past year that I would like to highlight here:

- Partnering with the Michigan Medicine Nursing Community to Develop a Writing Workshop to assist Rho members as well as the MM Nurses in disseminating and publishing project and initiatives work they are doing at UM.
- Co-sponsoring a number of educational programs this year including the Nursing Showcase Poster Day in October 2017 and sponsoring the Peoples Choice Poster Award; the Leadership Conference for Nurses in January 2018,, the Surgical ICU Conference in February, 2018, the School of Nursing Research Day in April, 2018, and the Sigma Region X Research Conference, March 2018.
- We also seek to engage our members to provide community service which impacts the health of the community in significant ways. This year we provided volunteers for the St. Francis Health Fair, solicited donations for the Shelter Association of Washtenaw Country at the Delonis Center, and we partnered with MSU Chapter Alpha Psi and UM Flint Chapter Pi Delta in community outreach service projects.
- We also have completed the third year of our student internship program which mentors a new member in developing future leadership skills. Our student intern, Caroline Kremers assisted in planning and organizing the St. Francis Health Fair.

Rho Chapter was fortunate this year to receive our second Chapter Key Award which recognizes excellence in meeting the mission and vision of Sigma. Rho also received a "Showcase of Excellence Regional Award." This award recognized our chapter's support for philanthropy and lifelong learning'. I want to thank the Board and our membership for the significant work achieved this past year and we look forward to our future work together.

Thank you to Corinne Lee, our Awards Chair, to Kitty Murtha, our Faculty Counselor, and to Mary DeBardeleben, our excellent administrative assistant for handling all the details of induction and awards. It was truly an outstanding event. We are looking for candidates for next year's Rho chapter board, which includes: Vice-president, Secretary, Faculty Counselor-elect, Leadership Succession (committee chair and member) and Student Intern. Please see more information on our Rho chapter website.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president and to lead this wonderful team of Rho Chapter leaders. Thank you to all Rho members for supporting this wonderful chapter and making these accomplishments possible.

## RHO CHAPTER OFFICERS



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## SCHOOL OF NURSING RESEARCH DAY 2018: The Science of Nursing Education

April 3, 2018



Dr. Marilyn Oermann with Dean Patricia Hurn and Dr. Suzanne Brouse

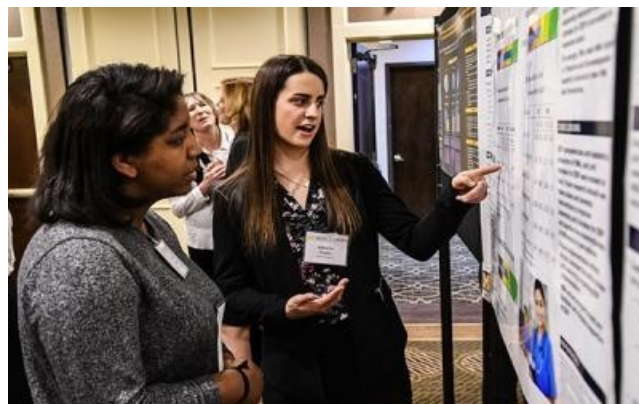
This year's Research Day focused on current developments in nursing education. Marilyn Oermann, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Director of Evaluation and Educational Research at Duke University School of Nursing, presented the Suzanne H. Brouse Lecture, *Developing the Science of Nursing Education*, with an enthusiastic overview of her research on skill development and retention in health care. A panel discussion followed focusing on emerging issues in nursing education: U of M Clinical Associate Professor Michelle Aebersold PhD, RN gave an overview of the science of simulation learning; U of M Associate Professor Patricia Abbott discussed integrating informatics into nursing education, and Laurie Lauszon Clabo, PhD, RN, Dean of Wayne State University College of Nursing presented her interdisciplinary work on milestones of critical thinking in health professions education. Rho Chapter was honored to continue its annual support for the School of Nursing's Research Day.

### Congratulations to all Rho Chapter members who presented poster displays, and special congratulations to the following poster award winners:

Katherine Powers (DNP Student), Marita Titler, PHD, RN, FAAN, Calyton Shuman, PhD, RN *Leadership, competency, and climate for evidence-based practice implementation in hospital settings* (DNP student poster award)

Marjorie McCullagh, PHD, RN, JJ Yang, PhD, MA, Cohen, PhD, M Koval, E Haberkorn, MSN, M Wood MSN. *Effects of a hearing conservation program for farm and rural youth: A randomized controlled trial.* (Faculty poster award)

Emily Boltey, BSN, RN (PhD student), TJ Jawshyna PhD, MD, RC Hyzy MD, S Watson MBA, C Pope, BA, DK Costa PhD, RN. *Ability to predict other team members' behaviors in ICU teams is associated with routine implementation of a complex care bundle in a statewide quality collaborative.* (PhD Student poster award)



BSN students Olivia Merritt (left) and Katherine Powers

Katelyn Webster, BSN, RN, (PhD student), J Lason, PhD, RN, FAAN. *Objectively-measured sedentary behavior in community-dwelling older adults: A scoping review.* (PhD student poster award)

Caitlyn Choi, BSN honors student, M Munro-Kramer, PhD, BSN, FNP-BC, S Rominski, PhD, MPH, L Cannon, MPH, MSW, A Akorsu, PhD. *Building master trainers to facilitate sexual violence prevention in Ghana.* (BSN student poster award)

Karina McLean, BSN honors student, J Lori, PhD, M Munro-Kramer, PhD, J Perosky PhD. *Sustainability of maternity waiting homes in Bong County, Liberia.* (BSN student poster award)

A photo display and additional information from the event is available by clicking on this link <http://nursing.umich.edu/about/news-portal/201804/6475>



## CONGRATULATIONS RHO CHAPTER GRADUATES!!

April 28 was a memorable day for our members who participated in the University of Michigan commencement ceremonies. A photo of some of our members who participated in the School of Nursing commencement ceremony is shown above.

## INTRODUCING -RHO CHAPTER RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENT



Each year Rho provides research grants to support members' scholarly work. This year's grant recipient is Laura Sinko, BSN, MS, RN. Ms. Sinko is currently a Hillman Scholar and PhD candidate at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Her proposal focuses on the very timely topic of emotional distress and trauma healing for survivors of unwanted sexual experiences. The project abstract is presented here:

### ***Healing from Unwanted Sexual Experiences: A Campus Story***

Despite the growing understanding of the impact of unwanted sexual experiences (USEs) on physical and mental health, little research has focused on the trauma healing processes of these survivors, with most research primarily focusing on distress and adverse outcomes. Even less research has explored how the unique college campus context can impact trauma healing, with the majority of the literature focusing on service utilization and reporting. This research focuses on both emotional distress, as well as trauma healing, for females who have undergone a USE while enrolled as an undergraduate. Our research will examine the complex relationships among contextual and individual influences of trauma healing through quantitative survey data, as well as through the utilization of narrative interviewing, a technique that may be a critical therapeutic gateway to facilitate trauma. Additionally, to capture healing factors more fully, we also propose to employ Photovoice, a technique that can provide visual representation of healing that words alone may not be able to describe.

The aims of this study are to: 1) evaluate the mediating role of trauma related shame on the relationship between internalized sexual violence norms and posttraumatic growth, 2) evaluate shared and independent contributions of survivor characteristics and trauma factors on PTG (N=150), and 3) identify individual and contextual barriers and facilitators to trauma healing for survivors of USE on college campuses, as well as survivor perspectives of healing, utilizing narrative interviewing and Photovoice (n=20). This study is the first step in a program of research focused on holistic, survivor-centered interventions for survivors of sexual violence, using the interdisciplinary methods of narrative interviewing and Photovoice. Results of this study will support the development of an intervention prototype to promote self-awareness and healing for survivors of USE as well as provide data to inform instrument development to better measure survivors' healing trajectories.

## HOW TO CONTACT SIGMA NURSING:

Do you need help renewing your membership or transferring your membership to Rho?  
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### RHO CHAPTER HELPS TO MAKE REGION 10 CONFERENCE A SUCCESS!



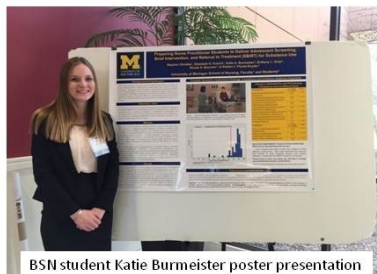
Rho members Katherine Powers, Caroline Kremers, Sarah Hoffman, Julie Buser, Deb Price, Franklin Schaller, at the SN recruitment table



PhD student Julie Buser volunteered at podium presentations



BSN student Katherine Powers poster presentation



BSN student Katie Burmeister poster presentation

Rho Chapter members were prominent at the biennial Region 10 Research Conference, held on March 23 and 24 in Ann Arbor. This biennial conference features scholarly work by Sigma members from the Midwest. Amber Prong and Dorothy Nagle gave many hours to serve on the planning committee. Julie Buser and Deb Price volunteered at the conference to help with introductions and podium presentations. Rho also provided financial support as a sponsor for this conference. And U of M nursing students were well-represented (see below). Thank you to everyone for making the Region 10 Conference a success!

#### Podium presentation:

*Integrating a Standardized Patient Experience into an Advanced Health Assessment Course to Better Prepare APRN Student's' Ability to Care for the LGBTQ Patient with Cultural Humility.* Christie Graziano, BSN, RN, CCRN, AGACNP/CNE student, Elizabeth Kuzma, DNP, FNP-BC

#### Poster presentations:

*Preparing Nurse Practitioner Students to Deliver Adolescent Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) fo Substance Use.* Stephen Strobe, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CARN-AP, FIAAN, FAAN, Elizabeth K. Kuzma, DNP, FNP-BC, Katie Burmeister, BSN student, Brittany L. Gray, BSN student, Nicole L. Boucher, PhD, NP, CPNP, Robert J. Ploutz-Snyder, PhD, PStat  
*Opioid Overdose Prevention and Education for Nurse Practitioners in Michigan.* Franklin Schaller, BSN, RN, Chin Hwa (Gina) Y. Dahlem, PhD, FNP-C, FAANP

*Palliative and End-of-Life Care Education Needs of Nurses Across In-patient Care Settings.* Deborah Price, DNP, RN, Linda Strodman, PhD, RN, Marcos Montagnini, MD, Heather Smith, PhD, Jennifer Zybert, BSN, Jillian Miller, BSN, Tyler Policht, MD, Justin Oldfield, MD, Bidisha Ghosh, MS

*Overcoming Barriers to Diabetes Care in Homeless Adults Through the Use of the Environmental Barriers to Adherence Scale (EBAS).* Laura Schipper, BSN,RN, DNP student, Michelle Pardee, DNP, FNP-BC, April Bigelow, PhD, ANP-BC, AGPCNP-BC

*Leadership, Competency, and Climate for Evidence-based Practice Implementation in Hospital Settings.* Katherine E. Powers, BSN student, Marita G. Titler, PhD, RN, FAAN, Clayton J. Shuman, PhD, RN

### COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT: ST. FRANCIS HEALTH FAIR

Rho Chapter Student Intern, Caroline Kremers, was hard at work planning and organizing student volunteers for a health fair held on Tuesday March 6 for parish members and grade school students at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Caroline worked with St. Francis Parish Health Ministry to organize the event. Students representing nursing student government and Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau along with several Rho members gave information on nutrition, fire safety, sun protection, and exercise, checked blood pressures, and taught hand hygiene to over 300 VERY enthusiastic grade school students and 50 delightful parish members. Student volunteers included Kathryn Szczechowski, Kelly Creal, Emma Gill, Amber Prong, and Erin Similuk. Thank you also to Rho members who volunteered or assisted with planning: Beth Russell, Leila Cherara, Julie Buser, and Ann Kruszewski. And a huge thank you, Caroline, for your work in helping the local community!



Rho Chapter student member volunteers: Kathryn Szczechowski, Kelly Creal, Emma Gill, Caroline Kremers, and Amber Prong



Student volunteer Erin Similuk promotes safety in the sun

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT LEADER INTERNSHIP 2018-19**

Are you an undergraduate student Rho Chapter member? Applications are being accepted for the 2018-19 Student Leader Intern position. Deadline is June 30. Click on this link for more information and to view the application:

[https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_0SVbTPxpIFmGW8J](https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0SVbTPxpIFmGW8J)

**NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR 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 "Nurse 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: [www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter)  
Scroll down and click on the "Nurse Leader" link.

The prospective member will be asked to complete an application and provide a C.V. Nominations are due **September 15, 2018**

**RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE PROJECTS GRANTS:**

Grants up to \$1000 are available to Rho members. Total grant funds awarded by Rho Chapter are limited, so apply early! Application deadline is September 30, 2018.

Visit our website at [www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter). Click on "Research and Project Grants" for more information and the application form.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****Rho Chapter Events:**

- Nurse Leader membership nominations: Due September 15, 2018 (see back page for form)
- Research/Special Projects Grants applications: Due September 30, 2018
- Travel Grant Fund and Honored Elders Fund: Applications are accepted at any time.

Grant information and applications are available on the Rho Chapter website: [www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter) (click on "Awards" link).

**Rho Chapter Supported Events:**

- ◆ UMHS Nursing Poster Session 2018: Thursday, September 20. More information available soon on the Rho Chapter events page: [www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter)
- ◆ 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](http://www.nursing.umich.edu) and click on "Events Calendar."

**SIGMA NURSING EVENTS:**

- ◆ **The 29th SIGMA International Nursing Research Congress** - July 19-23, 2018, Melbourne, Australia. Explore innovative research and evidence-based practice strategies that improve global health outcomes. Registration available at: <https://sigmanursing.org/congress>
- ◆ **Sigma Nursing Leadership Connection** - September 15-18, Indianapolis, IN. Learn and develop chapter leadership best practices and strategies; assess and implement transformative nursing leadership knowledge. Registration available at: <https://sigmanursing.org/leadershipconnection>

**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).

**Publication Information:**

Rho Newsletter, supported by member dues, is published twice per year: Fall and Spring. 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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