President’s Message

Hello all. 2011 is here and it should be another busy year. See the articles in this newsletter on the upcoming Biennium in Dallas, poster presentation awards, the induction and the installation of new officers. Patsy Trahan

Induction Ceremony

On Sunday April 17, 2011 Induction and Installation of Officers was held in Stokes Auditorium at McNeese State University College of Nursing.

Inductees who graduated May 2011 include:

Inductees who will graduate December 2011 include:
Yan Cheng, Amanda Dawson, Lindsay, Doucett, Kristina Hebert, Heather LaFleur, Thad LeBoeuf, Heather LeFer, Sydney Miller, Vy Nguyen, Katie Primeaux, Cynthia Sitz, Jada Smith, Katie Thomason, Alicia Trahan

Inductees in Graduate school include:
Beth-Anne Carson, Kristin Dohmann, Bobby Fontenot, Darlene Hesse, Sharon Lowrey, Mark DeClouet

Inductees from the Community include:
Melanie Gentry, Troy Thompson

Officers installed April 17, 2011 include:
Vice President Peggy LaGrange
First Counselor Margaret Hebert
Treasurer Jennifer Bruney
Counselor Cindy Howard

Continuing Kappa Psi
Officers/appointments 2011-2012

President Patsy Trahan
Secretary Lori Dougherty
Governance Kaye Martin
Leadership Mary Dubriel, Andrea Wild, Merry Chandler, Veronica Woodard, Ricky Cooley

Induction group from April 2011 below.

Kappa Psi Spring Education Offering

Dr. Ann Warner presented “Evidenced Based Practice Part 1 and Part 2” on March 21 and March 28 to MSU nursing faculty.

Fall 2010 Kappa Psi Educational Offering

On October 18, 2010 Melanie Gentry RN, MSN, CNOR presented “Disaster Nursing: Christus Surgical Mission to Haiti”.
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Undergraduate Research Awards

Dr. Ann Warner reported to Kappa Psi on the Nursing 390 (research) Poster Projects for which we provided financial support. First Place topic was “Beauty is skin deep. Does nursing workload affect the prevalence of pressure ulcers?” The presenters were Royce Charles, Wade Gillard, Justin Goodfriend, and Sean Marx. The second place was “Safe staffing saves lives” by Dina Cooper, Shayla Finn, Megan Loyd, and Barbra Palmer. Our funding provided posters, cash prizes and gift certificates for the students in their nursing research class. Kappa Psi is proud to promote scholarly activities through this worthwhile project.

Arthur Adams Scholarship

The recipient of the 2010-2011 Arthur Adams Scholarship is Jordan Kolde. She plans to graduate in May 2012 with her BSN. Jordan was recognized at the April induction with her scholarship.

(photos below)

Upcoming Biennium:

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s 41st Biennial Convention is October 29-November 2, 2011 in Grapevine, Texas this year! This is a wonderful opportunity for members of Kappa Psi to attend. The Kappa Psi Board will be selecting two delegates soon to represent us. If you are interested in being a delegate please email ptrahan@mcneese.edu soon. “People and Knowledge: Connecting for Global Health” is the theme with the keynote speaker being Kim Bouldin-Jones, an internationally known educator in HIV, STDs and global disease prevention. To register and find out more go to www.nursingsociety.org. Our Region 6 coordinator found less expensive accommodations at Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriot on State Highway 121. We hope to book our delegates at this hotel.

Board meeting for Kappa Psi Board and Committees: Date to be announced soon. Please check your emails. We need to pick delegates and plan our calendar for the year.

Email addresses: We need current email addresses for all active members. If you used your MSU email for contact information please send a personal email address since MSU will delete your MSU account after graduation. If you know of someone who is an active member and did not receive this, please have them send a current email address to ptrahan@mcneese.edu