Kappa Psi News

President's Message

Hello all. It has been a busy Spring 2010. See the articles in this newsletter on the educational activity, the induction and the installation of new officers. Patsy Trahan

Induction Ceremony

On Sunday April 25, 2010 the Annual Induction Ceremony took place in Stokes Auditorium of Hardtner Hall. The May 2010 undergraduates inducted were *Emily Virginia Armistead, Katherine Elizabeth Couch, Laken D'nae Desonier, Shanna Elizabeth Falke, Mary Kathleen Keating, Samantha Ann Poole, Emily Kathryn Rose, Cynthia Lauren Royer, Victoria Ann Thibodeaux, Jennifer Powers-Trombatore, and Jessica Ann Webb.* The December 2010 undergraduates inducted were *Jeannine Nicole Clark, Eric Weston Linville, Denita Denise Ozenne, and Amber Gerard Petroski.* The MSN graduate students inducted were *Michelle Trahan Dyer, Jennifer Ann Foreman, and JT Seaman.* Community members inducted were *Tamara Griffey Barnes, Stacey Sandlin Moore, and Andria B. Wild.* We congratulate all of you on this accomplishment!

Officers Installed

Kappa Psi installed the following officers and committee members on April 25, 2010.

President	Patsy Trahan
Secretary	Lori Dougherty
Governance	Kaye Martin
Leadership	Mary Dubriel, Andria Wild

Continuing Kappa Psi Officers/appointments 2010-2011

Vice President	Peggy LaGrange
First Counselor	Sue Fontenot
Governance	Margaret Hebert
Leadership	Ricky Cooley, Merry Chandler, Veronica Woodard

Kappa Psi Spring Education Offering

On March 15, 2010 Ramona Guin RN, MSN, CLNC, SANE presented "Compassion Fatigue" to members in Room 303 of Hardtner Hall. It was approved for 1.2 contact hours. Ms. Guin is a BSN graduate of MSU and shared strategies for nurses to handle compassion fatigue in their busy lives.

Fall Kappa Psi Educational Offering

Peggy LaGrange has secured a speaker for the Fall program, Melanie Gentry RN, MSN. Mrs. Gentry will share experiences from a recent trip to Haiti working with the victims of the earthquake there.

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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 "Impact of patient controlled analgesia in the clinical setting" by Michelle Lippman, Amie Baer, Valerie Guinn, and Katie Jones. Honorable mention topic was "What are the effects of sleep deprivation on college students?" by Kathleen Barnes, Victoria Hodges, Brittany Landry, and Jordan Stein. Honorable mention topic was "What is the source of resistance to maggot therapy vs standard wound debridement?" by Ian Boyer, Jason Rhorer, Rhonda Hutchinson, and Jennifer Hammons. 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 Caleb Huval. He plans to graduate in May 2011 with his BSN. Caleb was recognized at the April induction with his scholarship.

Our Region 6 Coordinator is Gordon B. Natal Jr., RN, MSN, MHA, NEW-BC. He is from Louisiana! The Region includes portions of Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Help needed!

We need creative and energetic members to help redo the display case area for Kappa Psi on the first floor of Hardtner Hall. Bring yourself and ideas on July 20, 2010 at 1 p.m. to help.

Upcoming meeting for Kappa Psi Board and Committees: Date to be announced soon. Please check your emails.

STTI Region 6 Consortium

2010 International Year of the Nurse Celebration

November 19, 2010

University of Texas Arlington

Rio Grande Room 2-8 p.m.

Keynote Speaker is Sharon Weinstein, author of "Nursing without Borders" & "B is for Balance". Her keynote address is on Partnering for Success. . . Creating Global Relationships.

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*