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We are seeking innovative names for this biannual publication. Submit your ideas to djezuit@ben.edu OR MDelaney@ben.edu
Submit ideas by May 1, 2017
A prize will be awarded for the name selected by the board.

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We are here to answer your questions. Please contact us about:
Membership
Lambda Upsilon At Large chapter
STTI organization
The 13th Annual Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Conference was held on October 29, 2016 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. And was attended by Sigma members, nursing students and nursing professionals.

EBP Conference History

The conference is a collaborative effort designed and implemented by Edward Hospital and the area Sigma Theta Tau chapters. Collaborators include: Edward-Elmhurst Hospital, Sigma Theta Tau Lambda Upsilon-at-Large (Aurora University and Benedictine University), Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Upsilon (Lewis University), Sigma Theta Tau Upsilon Delta (University of St. Francis).

Since inception the event has incorporated a poster session and concurrent break out sessions. The poster session offered more than 20 posters allows an opportunity to interact with researchers and others involved with evidence based practice initiatives. Attendance each year varies between 175-290 participants and about half for the attendees are nursing students.

If you have a plan to implement a creative nursing intervention, innovative education method, exciting research or a capstone project consider sharing your work with colleagues at next year's event scheduled for October 28, 2017. Call for abstracts summer 2017!

On October 5, 2016, in honor of Mental Health Awareness week the Lambda Upsilon-at-large chapter hosted a 6-hour seminar to reduce stigma and transform practice.

Educators from Vision for Change offered attendees a customized awareness specifically geared toward nurses. Nurses learned that 1 in 4 or 26.2% of Americans are affected by severe mental illness. Throughout the day, speakers shared compelling real-life accounts of living with mental illness.

Attendees reported that the workshop increased awareness and empathy, and improved understanding for caring for families and individuals affected by mental illness.

To learn more visit https://vision for change.net.
On October 24, 2016 our chapter welcomed 95 new members and one community nurse leader at the Lambda Upsilon-at-Large 26th Annual Induction Ceremony.

Membership to the chapter is by invitation that is extended to select baccalaureate and graduate students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship as well as to nurse leaders who exhibit exceptional achievements in nursing.

Both chapter leaders and current members congratulate each of you on this great accomplishment and welcome you all to our membership community.

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Sigma Theta Tau Members of the Benedictine University Nursing Faculty
Poster Presentation at the Pedagogy Conference held at Benedictine University May 26-28, 2016

Dr. Margaret Richey, Dr. Elizabeth Ritt, Dr. Deb Jezuit, Dr. Sherry Roper
Officer Highlights
Meet our President

Barbara J. Lockwood, PhD, RN, CNE

Dr. Lockwood received a PhD in Nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago, MS in Nursing and BS in Nursing, University of Colorado. Her work history includes over 12 years as a nursing educator, many years as a nursing administrator, chief nursing officer for three different hospitals, long term care and home care organizations. Clinical experience includes intensive care nursing, emergency department nursing and flight nursing.

She is currently a member of AONE, IONL, NLN, MNRS, Sigma Theta Tau, and serves as a site evaluator for the CCNE (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education).

She has been a member of Sigma Theta Tau since her baccalaureate nursing program. She served as secretary, treasurer and president for two separate chapters of Sigma Theta Tau. And is committed to the continual improvement of the profession through service, scholarship and educational excellence.

Meet our Vice Presidents

Margaret Richey EdD MSN RN

Dr. Richey is an Associate Professor at Benedictine University in the graduate program. She has over 30 years nursing experience in various positions. She serves as a CCNE on-site peer evaluator for BSN and MSN programs. She is a member of American Nurses Association (ANA), and has been an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, for several years for our Lambda Upsilon-at-Large chapter. She also chaired the Leadership Succession Committee for the academic years (2013-2014) and (2014-2015).

Patti Ludwig Beymer PhD, RN, CTN-A, NEA-BC, CPPS, FAAN

Dr. Ludwig-Beymer is the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Edward Hospital. She is currently a member of AONE, IONL, ANA, ANA-Illinois, AAN, Sigma Theta Tau, and Transcultural Nursing Society.

She serves as Senior Editor for Journal of Transcultural Nursing and is a Magnet Appraiser for ANCC. She has been a member of Sigma Theta Tau since 1981 and has served in a variety of roles.

2017 New Member Induction Ceremony
Monday October 23, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm
Benedictine University
Goodwin Auditorium
Campus Map
http://www.ben.edu/about/