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Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Xi Theta Chapter # 342

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Report on the Odyssey Consortium

The Odyssey Consortium of Southern is a showcase for new research. The 15 sponsoring chapters of the Odyssey Consortium are from Southern California chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). The presentations are peer reviewed and consist of both oral presentations and posters. Nursing research may be presented by student nurses or nurses. One needn't be a member of STTI to present research and all are welcome to attend the event.

Save the Dates!

May 14, 2015
On-campus Celebration
Loker Union

October 14-15, 2015
Odyssey Consortium
Ontario, CA

November 7-11, 2015
Biennium – Aria Resort
Las Vegas, NV

This year, on November 13 & 14, 2014, the Odyssey Consortium was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, CA. Next year, it will again be held in Ontario, CA on October 14 & 15, 2015. STTI's theme is "Lead Globally, Serve Locally, Transform Regionally." The theme of the Consortium was "At the Pulse".

The planning committee works tirelessly throughout the year to plan this event. Dr. Rose Welch acted as Recorder in the planning committee. Other active members of the planning committee included Dr. Dale Mueller, the other appointed representative from Xi Theta. We

wish to thank Dr. Welch and Dr. Mueller for their time and talents in planning this wonderful event!



Dr. Rose Welch and oral presenter Dr. Christiana Baskaran

Because the research is peer reviewed, each chapter chooses members to assist in the review process. We thank the following members of Xi Theta who were chosen to be reviewers for the following positions:

Research abstracts

**Dr. Jo Ann Wegmann
Dr. Kathleen Schrader**

Innovative Abstracts

**Dr. Cecilia Crawford
Dr. Rose Aquilar Welch**

Poster Reviewers

**Dr. Kathy Chai
Dr. Rose Welch
Ms. Lorna Diaz**

Of the many abstracts submitted for presentation, the reviewers chose the following to be presented:

Research Podium Presentations: 12
Research Poster presentations: 17
Innovative Podium Presentations: 13
Innovative Poster presentations: 13

In addition to these presentations were the following Keynote speakers:

November 13, 2014

Tara Hulseley from the STTI Board of Directors



Tara Hulseley

November 14, 2014

Dr. Michael McDuffie speaking on “How I Fell in Love (with Bioethics)”



Dr. Michael McDuffie



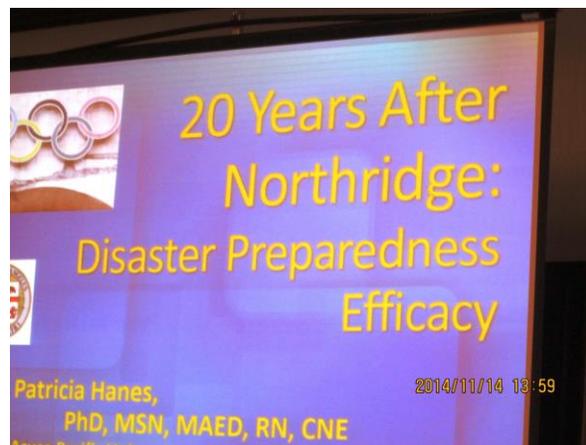
November 14 Keynote Address

This was an especially heart-warming story that began when his son was born with a rare heart defect. As a philosophy professor, his talk integrated the issues of bioethics, nursing and the family struggles when one member is very sick or dying.

Xi Theta was especially proud this year to have two presenters from its chapter. Dr. Patricia Hanes gave an oral presentation on “Twenty Years after Northridge: Disaster Preparedness Efficacy.” This talk focused on what we have learned from disasters and whether or not we are currently prepared for another major earthquake.



Dr. Patricia Hanes

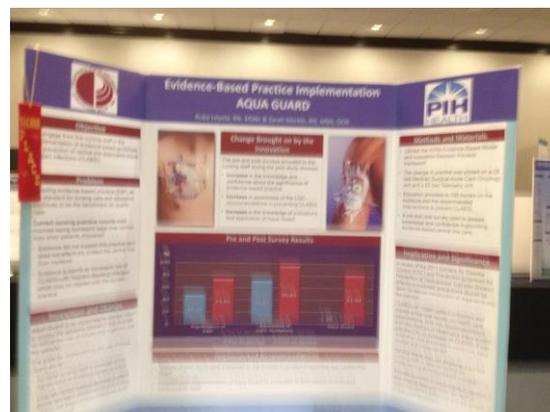


Podium Presentation - Hanes

Prizes are awarded for the poster sessions and we are extremely proud to announce that our own Ruby Loyola won 2nd place in the category of Innovative Posters! Her poster was entitled: “Evidence-Based Practice Implementation: Aqua Guard.”



MSN student Ruby Loyola



2nd place Innovative Poster – Aqua Guard

For those of you who were able to attend our 20th Anniversary Celebration, you are aware that one lucky student was awarded free registration at the Odyssey Consortium. The winner was Eden Taylor!!!



Odyssey winner Eden Taylor



Eden Taylor & President Sue Gibson

Eden has graciously written a little bit about her impressions her experience at her first of many Odyssey Consortiums:

I was fortunate enough to win from Xi Theta registration for both days of the Joint Southern California STTI Chapters 19th Annual Nursing Odyssey Conference. I had no idea what to expect, as I had never attended an academic conference. I was impressed by the global cooperation in nursing research. We often forget that evidence-based practice should use evidence from around the world. I focused on breakout sessions that I thought I could apply to my own practice, and learned a lot about the cutting edge of evidence-based practice in areas such as blood culture discards and diuresis treatment. The practice tool that I learned about and would most like to see in operation is the “Ring of Cards” for patient prescriptions, which I had never heard of before the conference. Attending the poster presentations from nurses around

Southern California was another highlight of the conference. The presentation that I will be urging my hospital to look into was by Ruby Loyola (from CSUDH) and Sarah Merkle – using Aqua Guard to prevent central line associated blood stream infections. This will save lives while being cost-effective and time-saving. They took 2nd place in the Innovation category. The conference is academically highly enriching for any BSN or MSN student, as well as being an excellent networking opportunity for students and newly licensed RNs, and any nurse who can go, should go.

**C. Eden Taylor
Nursing Student
CSUDH**

Several Xi Thetans were able to attend the Odyssey Consortium this year. In addition to the Odyssey raffle winner, Eden Taylor, and President Sue Gibson, the following Xi Thetans were spotted!

Presenter: Dr. Patricia Hanes, 2nd Place Innovative Poster winner, MSN student Ruby Loyola, Dr. Kathy Chai, Dr. Terri Ares, and Dr. Rose Welch. There may have been others, but these are the ones I spotted!



In addition to many presenters, the Odyssey Consortium provides a continental breakfast and lunch each day, an exhibitor area and daily raffles!

The CSUDH SON and Dr. Rose Welch donated several items which were thoroughly enjoyed by the recipients. These included a book, a thermos bottle and a tote bag. Fellow Xi Thetan and past Region 2 Coordinator, Dale Mueller, also donated 2 Florence Nightingale cups. A great time was held by all who attended, and it is hoped that if you haven't had the opportunity to attend this annual event, that you will be able to do so in the future! Next year, it will again be held in Ontario, CA on October 14 and 15, 2015. We hope to see you then!

Sue Gibson,
President
Xi Theta Chapter #342
STTI



Other Xi Theta News

Financial Benefits of Xi Theta!

There are currently three winter travel stipends being offered of \$350 each. There will be an additional 3 more travel stipends offered in the Spring at \$350 each. Directions for applying are on the www.xitheta.org website.

Dr. Chai, Director of Nursing at CSUDH/SON sent out an email to all nursing students offering the Xi Theta Award of \$1000. The due date for submission is January 12th and it will be awarded on May 14 at the on-campus induction ceremony. Criteria are as follows:

Xi Theta Award - \$1000

Due Date: Monday, January 12, 2015

Awarded: May 14, 2015 at Xi Theta- STTI function, Loker Union 11:30-1 pm

Send essay to president@xitheta.org

Participation for the Award is open to ALL currently enrolled nursing students, regardless of whether they are a member of Sigma Theta Tau International/Xi Theta or not.

This is sponsored by Xi Theta to highlight how our students fulfill the **Mission** as leaders in the profession of nursing.

“The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.”

Write an essay between 500-750 words describing how you have fulfilled the **Mission** of Sigma Theta Tau, International. The example in the essay should be independent of any course work or course project, but can be based on what was learned in any course. If you participated in events, please cite these appropriately.

Points	Criteria
10	STTI Mission Adherence
30	Sustainable impact: Examples: Improved health, increased tools, increased knowledge, formed their own leadership
25	Examples of how stakeholders were improved
15	Range of Impact
10	Word Count
10	APA Style

New Inductees!

We wish to welcome twelve new members of Xi Theta who were inducted this week! We look forward to meeting them at the formal ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 11:30 AM-1 PM in the Loker Union Ballroom. Save that date! All members are welcome and it is our annual Business meeting as well! Come to meet your fellow Xi Thetans! You will receive an invitation through Eventbrite in April in order to RSVP.



Michael Acosta

Kristina Braaten

Isabel Caballero

Denise DiYanni

Shalon Easley

Tara Kristine Gough

Becky Hoang

Asten Perestam

Cheryl Slaney

Oliver Suba

Isamar Villescascas

Hung Wang

The time for nominating new officers is here!

Nominations due to president@xitheta.org by February 15, 2015. Please view your email for the forms to be filled out.

President - Elect (1 year)

Vice President (2 year)

Secretary (1 year)

Leadership Succession Committee Chair (2 years)

- (this officer cannot run for elected office during the time they are on this committee due to the nature of the office)

Other Appointive positions on the following committees are available:

Leadership Succession

Governance

Membership Involvement – Ambassador, Programs, Communications (Newsletter, Facebook, Xi Theta website, etc.)

Heritage – Chapter Key Award, Chapter Archives

Philanthropy – Philanthropy (donations/service), Awards, Research

Member Recruitment – Mentoring, Induction and new member orientation.

Others to volunteer as temporary leaders for activities

In interested in appointive positions, please contact

Sue Gibson at

president@xitheta.org

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!