

To Gamma Omicron at-Large Chapter Members:

Please join us on **October 20th, at 530 pm at the Zeus Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant for an Evidenced-based practice presentation.** Details can be found on the attached flyer. Please be sure to **RSVP by October 15th to Yvonne Martin (martiny@musc.edu)** Make plans to attend this first educational session for our members and take full advantage of the opportunities your Sigma membership provides!

It is also with great pleasure that I announce **Gamma Omicron at-Large is a 2009 Chapter Key Award recipient!**

Sigma Theta Tau International will present this award at the 40th Biennial Convention to chapters for overall excellence. The Chapter Key Award, established in 1991, honors chapters who excel in chapter-related activities such as:

- membership recruitment and retention
- publicity and programming
- professional and leadership development
- local, national and international collaboration

The reviewers were highly impressed with our chapter and all of the great things that our members are doing. A special thank you to those of you who responded to the call for information about your professional activities. I will accept this award on your behalf at the Convention in November- Congratulations!

We are eligible to receive this award every biennium, but to do that, we have to have information from you. Please take the time to send any current activities you are involved with that meet the following guidelines to **Ramona Smith at smithrc@musc.edu** . We will be asking for this information monthly so that the information can be received as we go through the next 2 years for the dates July 1 2009 to June 30 2011.

- Members participated in leadership development programs- need person and agency providing program
- Members presented at national or international professional nursing meetings, conferences, or forums (non STTI)- need member name and event
- Members presented at interdisciplinary professional meetings, conferences, or forums- need member name and event
- Did any individuals who are Sigma members provide a program or activity/ project focused on increasing community awareness of nursing knowledge (career fairs, etc)? need member name and description
- Did any member dialogue with nurse leaders or associations outside of the US? Need member name and description
- Did any member form relationships with nurses outside your country and connect them with resources of the honor society? Need member name and description
- Members provided a program/ activity/ project focused on increasing community awareness of health promotion and prevention of illness (Safe Sitter, local health fair, etc). Need member name and description
- Did any member provide expertise or consultation to the community? Need member name and description
- Members collaborate at the local level for health promotion and or prevention of illness projects with community partners? Need member name and which community they collaborated with.
- Did any member develop a community of practice in the local healthcare community? Need member name and description
- Did any members participate in philanthropic activities at the chapter level or international level? Need name and description.

Thanks so much and congratulations to our chapter for an Award that is much deserved.

See you October 20th for an excellent presentation- you don't want to miss it.

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