



Jefferson College of Health Sciences
Roanoke, VA
TAU PHI CHAPTER #451
Society Scoop

Message from the President

Board Meeting

The last board meeting for the academic year took place on May 7, 2012. The board reviewed topics discussed during the April meeting at the Roanoker Restaurant, where Ms. S. Higgingbotham and D. Davidson, highlighted the opportunities for research collaboration in the SARA program. Dr. Allison-Jones discussed the budget and several issues related to the development of the endowed scholarship. Currently, the scholarship fund has accumulated about \$1000. Members are encouraged to continue to contribute to the future of nursing education and support the students by donating to the endowed scholarship. Please see page 4 for details. Ms. Linda Rickabaugh brought to the attention of the members the inductions ceremony in the Fall needs to include the ABSN students. Next board meeting will be on August 7 at noon at JCHS room 1021.

Dear Members,

As we are approaching the end of another academic year I have been reflecting our accomplishments. Tau Phi held a fall induction ceremony, sent 2 delegates to the international convention, co-sponsored the fall research conference which was attended by 125 nurses, had chapter members present their work at the STTI region 13 research conference, provided three \$500 dollar scholarships to students, supported meals at Manna Ministries, and held several productive chapter meetings. Even more, we managed to revise our bylaws to conform to changes made at the STTI convention!

I wanted to thank all the members for their hard work and support in making these things happen and to encourage all of you to consider running for office or volunteering your time to support chapter activities. Have a good summer and expect to hear more when we return for the fall semester.

Dr. Warren Clark

Bylaws Changes Approved

Members approved recent bylaws additions. The requirements of the bylaws are set by the STTI. The last biennial STTI meeting resulted in several changes that needed to be updated by the local chapters. The local chapter has limited ability to modify the bylaws set by the STTI; however, additions are acceptable. Tau Phi is adding new committees for programming and communication; therefore, explanatory statements to be added to the bylaws were needed. For example,

- Article II. Purposes, 2 items were added to clarify the purpose.
- Article V. Chapter Organization and Responsibilities, section 4 was added to clarify issues of probation or revocation; section 5 clarified the steps in removal of probation and reinstatement of a chapter.
- Article VII. Board of Directors, section 5 was added to explain the process of Removing a Board of Director member from office. Article IX. Elections, section 3 and 4 were edited for clarity.
- Article X. Committees, section 4 pertained to additional committees.
- Article XV. Dissolution, section is added to explain the reinstatement following dissolution.

The election for open Tau Phi leadership positions will be held in the fall. Members are encouraged to increase involvement in our chapter by volunteering to have their names placed on the ballot. The following positions will be elected and installed at the Induction Ceremony in November:

Treasurer

Counselor (must be JCHS Nursing Faculty Member)

Leadership Succession Committee- 2 Members

Please see this website for Chapter Leader descriptions: http://www.nursingsociety.org/Chapters/Resources/Pages/roles_admin.aspx

If you are interested in serving in a leadership position, please contact Dee Pennington from the Leadership Succession Committee (dspennington@jchs.edu).

Please consider this opportunity to serve Tau Phi!

Submitted by Annette Strickland, MSN, RN

Carilion Nurses and Tau Phi Research Conference October 25, 2012

Tau Phi chapter is again co-sponsoring with Carilion Clinic's Department of Nursing a fall research conference. This year the conference will be held on October 25 at the Holiday Inn Airport. The featured speaker will be Tina Marrelli, MSN, president of Marrelli and Associates, Inc. and editor-in-chief of Home Healthcare Nurse. Ms. Marrelli is a noted speaker on publication in nursing and in designing productive solutions to meet the needs of community-based health care. The conference will also feature several Tau Phi members discussing and presenting their research.

There will be a call for abstracts for poster submissions coming out this summer. All Tau Phi members are encouraged to present their work at our conference. You should receive a full brochure and call for abstracts within a couple of weeks.

STTI Region 13 Biennial Research Conference

Four members (Jennifer Martin, De-dee Foti, Annette Strickland and Melody Sharp) from our Tau Phi chapter traveled to Virginia Beach April 19th - 21, 2012 for the STTI Region 13 Biennial Research Conference: The theme of the conference was "The Changing Health Care System: A Call for New Nursing Roles in Leadership, Education, Practice and Research". We presented the following research posters:

"Student Satisfaction with a Post-Licensure BSN Distance Learning Program" Melody Sharp DNP, RN; Susan Jones MSN; Annette Strickland MSN; Stuart Tousman PhD.

"Perceptions of Academic Dishonesty among Nursing Students Enrolled in a BSN Program" De-dee Foti DNP, RN; Melody Sharp DNP, RN; Donna Dowling PhD, RN.

Submitted by Dr. Melody F. Sharp, DNP, RN

MSN students, Nurse Clinician Educator track: Sharon Jones, Mary Wimer, Melanie Johnson, and Judy Sculla



MSN students, Nursing Systems Management track: Chris Monk, Dawn Gentry, Barbara Boggs, Anne Prucha, Theresa Smith, Nora Bell, Dan Freeman, Darlene McGeorge, Sandy Harris, Debra Croy, Kris Peters, Vicky Beckner, and Terry Tilley.



MSN graduates and JCHS faculty and administration shared happy moments at the May 8th graduation celebration held at Vinton War Memorial.



Dear Members,
 We had an exciting and productive year that made us proud of the chapter members' contributions in many different personal and professional areas. As the summer comes closer, we are all excited about the sun and vacationing with family and friends. The newsletter members would like to wish you a great time and wonderful memories. We hope to see you well rested in the Fall with many great ideas for chapter initiatives. Please keep on sending personal or professional accomplishments to: mpstaykova@jchs.edu

Endowed Scholarship Information



Dear Members,
 Please continue to contribute to the endowed scholarship. A one-time donation of \$200 or a pledge of a specified amount annually for the next five years should be made out to:
STTI Tau Phi Chapter
Lisa Allison-Jones, STTI Treasurer
Jefferson College of Health Sciences
101 Elm Ave, SE ; Roanoke, VA 24013



Visit us on Facebook. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/TauPhi>. Make sure to "Like" the page by clicking the "Like" button at the top of the page.


Information for Students

<p>Scholarship Opportunities STTI Scholarship •General •Minorities To visit the site, paste the link in your browser: http://www.nursingsociety.org</p>	<p>~ The <i>Journal of Undergraduate Nursing Scholarship</i> provides opportunities for baccalaureate nursing students to publish outstanding papers. http://juns.nursing.arizona</p>	<p>~ For research funding opportunities please contact the OSP at research@carilionclinic.org or amellinger@jchs.edu.</p>
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<p>~ June 17-20, 2012 NET/NEP-the 4th International Nurse Educator Conference; Baltimore, MD</p>	<p> August 13, 2012 9 month Faculty Return</p>	<p>August 15, 2012 Col- lage meeting for Faculty and Staff</p>
<p>~ June 6-7, 2012 Fifth International Nursing Conference on Child and Adolescent Cancer Survivors</p>	<p>~ August 14 & 16, 2012 Orientation for JCHS students</p>	<p>~ August 20, 2012 Classes at JCHS begin</p> <p>~ October, 25, 2012 Carilion Nurses and Tau Phi Research Conference; Roanoke, VA</p>

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