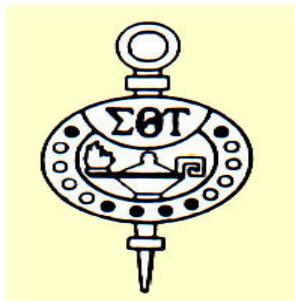




Jefferson College of Health Sciences TAU PHI CHAPTER #451 Society Scoop



New President's Message: Our Call for Action

Special points of interest:

- Tau Phi New President
- *Our Call for Action*
- 4 Chapter Projects
 1. Create Your Legacy
 2. Engage in Collaboration
 3. Respond to Vulnerable Population
 4. Embrace Technology
- Annual STTI Scholarships
- 36 New Chapter Members

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Ava G. Porter, DNP, RN,
Tau Phi Chapter President

I am honored to serve as Tau Phi's new President and I plan to serve the two year term to the best of my ability. I want to extend a hearty welcome to our new members on the Board of Directors and to all of our newly inducted members. I view "membership" as being far more than just paying dues and having one's name on a membership roster. In

my mind, the word "membership" has an active rather than a passive connotation. Just think what we could accomplish together as a chapter to make a difference locally and regionally while contributing to STTI's more global *Vision 2020* (you can read about this on the STTI Web site)!

I am committed to seizing opportunities for meaningful and purposeful involvement of and service by members. My vision is that of talented, professionally prepared nurses forming communities around common goals, interests and needs. I see STTI's four **Call to Action** initiatives as the framework around which we can form these

communities.

Create your legacy: commit to your passion and contribute your time, expertise and/or financial support.

Engage in Collaboration: bridge the gap between research and practice and collaborate with like-minded organizations.

Respond to Vulnerable Populations: promote health and well-being for mothers, children, & elders.

Embrace Technology: use social media to expand our network and to disseminate nursing knowledge.

Thank you for this opportunity. I wish each of you a joyous holiday season and look forward to a new year of working alongside you.

Tau Phi Chapter New Officer Installation

In September, 2012, the Tau Phi chapter members elected several new board members. During the 11/5/12 Tau Phi Induction ceremony, held at The Plantation on Sunnybrook, the following members were installed into office by outgoing President, Dr. Warren Clark:

- **President** – Ava Porter, DNP, RN
 - **Treasurer** – Melanie Johnson, MSN, RN
 - **Counselor** – Deidira Stewart, MSN, RN
 - **Leadership Succession** – Dawn Gentry, MSN, RN and Sharon Jones, MSN, RN.
- The new officers were sworn to uphold high stan-

dards and serve the chapter in the best way seen fit. The oath was administered by Dr Warren Clark.

The first board meeting of the new officers took place on 11/15/12. The first general membership meeting will take place at Golden Corral on 12/7/12.



Dr. Warren Clark's Last Speech as a Tau Phi Chapter President



Nurse Leaders, MSN, and BSN students from Left to Right
Front row: R. Murray, S. Clark, R. Tillman. **Back row:** K. Kinzer, E. Pruettt, W. Gilrairie, M. McAllister, L. Alley, and S. Bekri

Students inducted from the MSN Program are:

Suzanne MacLeod
Rebecca Board Tillman
Kristie Gail Williams

Students inducted from the RN-BSN Program are:

Kimberly Brittingham
Renee Marie Crosier
Carla G. Markham

Students inducted from the ABSN Program are:

Harvey William Bogard
Alison Christine Byrd
Lauren Elizabeth Dawson
Katie Bradshaw Gennosa
Michelene Chase Morin
Elizabeth McLendon
Pruette
Kaytlin Seckinger

Students inducted from the T-BSN Program are:

Lissa Lyn Alley
Sarah Therese Bekri

Wendy Lou Boggs
Kristin Leigh Brookshire
Sharon Lynn Clark
Natalie Corpus
Angel Brittney Crawford
Sarah Elizabeth Curran
Stephanie Ann Dickerson
Ashley Renee Elliott
Kristi Lynn Emery
Jenna M. Forer
Wendy Buchanan Gilrairie
Ashley Elizabeth Hoke
Katherine Marshall Kinzer
Monica Leah McAllister
Ashlee Nicole Paxton
Kelly Lynn Price
Dawn Marie Spradlin
Sarah Fariss Wilkes
Christina Jackson Williams
Megan J. Wymer

Nurse Leader Inducted:
Rhoda Murray

Tau Phi Chapter Induction

Tau Phi, JCHS's Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing, held its annual induction ceremony Nov. 5, 2012. There were 125 attendees for the event at The Plantation on Sunnybrook. Dr. Warren Clark, outgoing President, installed the new officers. Ava Porter, incoming President, recognized three past presidents and presented Warren Clark,

Jennifer Martin and Lisa Allison-Jones with Past President pins. She then led the induction ceremony for 36 new members:

- 1 nurse leader
- 3 MSN students
- 32 BSN students.

The criteria for the three classifications of membership are as follows:
Nurse Leader - Registered Nurses legally recognized to practice in their

countries, who hold at least a baccalaureate degree in nursing or other field, and have demonstrated achievement in nursing.
Graduate Student - Master's and Doctoral students enrolled in graduate programs at accredited institutions of higher education who have completed at least 1/4 of the nursing curriculum, have achieved academic excellence (at schools where a 4.0 grade

point average system is used, this equates to at least a 3.5)
Undergraduate Student - Junior or Senior students enrolled in baccalaureate programs at accredited institutions of higher education who have completed at least 1/2 of the nursing curriculum, rank in the upper 35 percent of

their graduating class and have achieved academic excellence (at schools where a 4.0 grade point average system is used, this equates to at least a 3.0.)
The chapter welcomes the new members and looks forward to their participation in chapter activities.

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New Members Pledge:

"I accept membership in Sigma Theta Tau International, and I pledge to fulfill its commitment to nursing excellence, knowledge, service, and leadership throughout my career."



Traditional BSN (T-BSN) Students from Left to Right: **Back row:** K. Brookshire, A. Crawford, A. Elliot, K. Kinzer, M. Wymer; **Front row:** K. Price, A. Paxton, and A. Hoke.



Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Students. **Front row:** K. Seckinger, L. Dawson, A. Byrd, E. Pruette, K. Gennosa, H. Bogard, and M. Morin. **Back row,** Instructors: L. Lilley, D. Pennington, M. Sharp

2012 Tau Phi and Carilion Clinic Research Conference

Nurses and faculty members shared research and Evidence-Based Practice projects at the 2012 annual research conference in Roanoke, VA. The conference attracted over 120 nurses and healthcare professionals. Representatives from Carilion Clinic, JCHS, UVA, VCU, Lynchburg College, and HCA showcased best nursing practices and

shared knowledge that was gained through nursing research. The key note speaker, Tina Morelli, MBA, RN, FAAN, presented on useful strategies to write for publication, select a journal reflecting manuscript content, and keep close contact with the journal's editor. The theme of the conference “ Transforming care through nursing research: Strategies and

Studies” was upheld by the other presenters such as Dr. Warren Clark, PhD, RN; Cathy Jennings, DNP, RN; Kimberly Hall, DNP, RN; and the panel of clinical nurses. According to a post-conference survey, the panel discussions of selected local-research contributions energized and empowered the audience to begin a research



Conference key note Speaker Tina Morelli (left) and Carolyn Webster (right), Carilion Clinic Chief Nursing Officer

Tau Phi Chapter–Nursing Student Scholarships

The purpose of the Tau Phi chapter scholarship fund is to recognize outstanding scholarship by qualified nurses and/or nursing students that will advance knowledge in the area of scholarships to individuals. Three \$500 scholarships are budgeted.

Criteria for Awarding Scholarships:

Applicant Criteria—Program Enrollment

1. Enrolled in BSN at JCHS, at least a junior with a minimum of 3.0 GPA
2. Enrolled in MSN at JCHS
3. Enrolled in DNP at any institution

B. Application

1. Submit an application, supporting documents, and a written statement of personal and professional goals

C. Preference will be given to STTI members

D. Competitive basis for fund allocation

E. Agreement of Financial Expenditures

Application Deadline: Friday, Jan 11, 2013. For questions, please call **Janice Taylor**, JCHS Department Secretary at **540-985-8208** or JRTaylor@jchs.edu



Student Central
Let STTI help you plan your future, achieve academic excellence and prepare you for your nursing career!

Board Meeting

November 15, 2012—Meeting Notes:

- Appointed Lisa Allison-Jones, PHD, RN and Susan Wirt, BSN, RN to serve on the Governance Committee.
- Appointed volunteer Lisa Allison-Jones, PHD, RN, to chair an ad hoc committee to prepare a Chapter Key Award application. Volunteers are needed to work with her.

- The Board appointed a Communication Committee, Milena Staykova, Angie Goodson, & Larry Lilley, to facilitate communication via a regular newsletter, emails, Facebook, the Circle, the Tau Phi website, and other media.
- Discussed what other fund-raising activities should occur to support our Endowed Scholarship. Suggestions needed.



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Note from the Editor

Dear members,

The chapter is growing! We are very excited to welcome 36 new members and a new team of officers. We wish them success in all of their endeavors.

In addition, I would like use this opportunity and highlight the achievements and the contributions of the outgoing president, Dr. Warren Clark:

- Scholarships awarded annually
- Initiating an endowed scholarship
- Annual research conferences
- Participating in regional research conferences
- Numerous research studies and presentations by our chapter members

Local Chapter Service Projects

Manna Ministries

Our 11/8/12 Manna Ministries service event was well staffed by members and we served a total of 10 crock pots of food prepared by Tau Phi members.

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Our next planned Manna Ministries service date is scheduled for **January 10, 2013**. Every chapter member is encouraged to participate. Linda Rickabaugh coordinates these service events.

She can be reached at lrickabaugh@jchs.edu

Be A Santa to a Senior

Our Chapter Holiday Service Project will be through the BASTAS (Be a Santa to a Senior) program to provide Christmas gifts to seniors (age 60 and older). We have adopted 2 seniors. Items will be collected at the 12/7/12 chapter meeting and can also be dropped off in the JCHS Nursing Department on 10th floor of CRCH/JCHS. Gift baskets need to be filled and turned in by **December 10th**.

Save the Date: Events and Opportunities for Scholarship

13th Annual Nurse Educator Institute Striving for EBP in Nursing Education

April 15-19, 2013,
Branson, MA,

Call for abstracts, submission deadline is 01/15/13.

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2013 QSEN National Forum

May 30-31, 2013,
Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Call for abstracts, submission deadline is 12/13/12.

Summer Institutes on Evidence-Based Quality Improvement

July 9-13, 2013
University of Texas
Health Science Center
Call for abstracts, submission deadline 03/4/13.

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NET 2013 International Networking for Health- care Education

September 3-5, 2013,
Cambridge, UK
Call for abstracts, submission deadline is 01/21/13.

2013 Magnet Conference

October 2-4, 2013,
Orlando, Florida, USA.

Call for abstracts submissions starts in December.

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STTI 42nd Biennial Convention

November 16-20, 2013,
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

Call for abstracts, submission deadline is 01/30/13.

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Associate Professor Emeritus
Linda Rickabaugh (left)
and
Assistant Professor
Annette Strickland
(right) at the 2012 STTI,
Tau Phi chapter
induction ceremony.