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IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER 232 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Marilyn Klakovich
President, Iota Sigma

Happy 20th Anniversary, Iota Sigma!!!

With this academic year, we begin a yearlong celebration of our 20th anniversary as a chapter of STTI. We plan to celebrate our anniversary throughout the year, and the celebration will culminate with our Spring induction. Be sure to check out the calendar of events and mark your calendars.

We have much to celebrate. In addition to our anniversary, we were notified that we will be receiving our second Chapter Key Award at this year's Biennial Convention in Baltimore. This award recognizes Iota Sigma for chapter excellence in the areas of membership involvement, chapter outreach, and leadership. Viann Duncan and I will serve as delegates to the convention and will be accepting the award on the chapter's behalf. We are hoping that both of our undergraduate student interns, interns Elizabeth Oganyan and Javier Guerra, will attend as well.

In this issue, you will learn more about our new undergraduate student interns. See their articles on what it means to them to be involved with Iota Sigma and STTI. Both interns have been busy since assuming their roles in July. They have participated in our strategic planning and board meetings, and developed strategies to increase the visibility of Iota Sigma with students. Javier assisted with a book drive this summer. The military coordinated

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the collection and shipping of medical and nursing textbooks and journals to universities and providers in Iraq. APU faculty and Iota Sigma members donated books, and Javier took charge of packaging, paperwork, and mailing. Also, see Javier's article on the Winter Shelter Program - Health Services. Iota Sigma will continue to support these services as our community service project this year.

We can also celebrate Iota Sigma's representation at the International Research Congress held in Vienna, Austria in July. See the article that provides information on our members who presented at the Congress (in addition to enjoying the sights and sounds of Vienna).

Finally, we can celebrate that Pam Cone is back on the Iota Sigma board. Lina Kawar who was just elected for a second term as treasurer needed to resign since she has moved out of the area. Pam has agreed to take over that position. We are pleased to have Pam back! Unfortunately, our President Elect, Diana Lugo Zenner, also needed to step down from her position, but she continues to be an active supporter of Iota Sigma. The board and I have been developing a leadership transition plan and will be announcing this plan with our 2008 ballot.

So be sure to check out the calendar of events for 2007-2008, our 20th Anniversary as a chapter. I hope to see you at many of our celebratory events this year!

MEET UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INTERN: JAVIER ANASTACIO GUERRA



I was inducted into Iota Sigma in the spring of 2007 and will be graduating from Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing in May 2008. Being inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) is another confirmation that my efforts in nursing education are honorable. My active membership in one of the most prestigious nursing organizations signifies that my continued efforts to understand, practice, promote, and uphold the ethics of the profession are not simply an individual effort. To be able to interact at the table with women I look up to, plan out a strategy to advance the goals of the Society, and to decide and take part in planning and performing what we have set out to do, it fills me with both pride and humility. Humility,

because my work so far seems so remedial compared to the expanding body of research and implementation of evidence that the STTI members that I know have developed. Pride, because I am identified as part of this professional movement that is spreading across the globe as STTI recognizes and supports the accomplishments of nurses abroad.

My pursuit to become a registered nurse has been arduous. Being a single father for over nine years I had come to accept my responsibilities of being nurturing and providing for my small family. This brought me through many experiences I am grateful for primarily doing hard, dirty labor working with inanimate objects. Though I did well and excelled in all my different areas of work, I never saw any of them as a calling. The product was not what I had dreamed of when thinking about how I envisioned my life to be. I began to think hard about how I wanted to be involved in the world, what kind of man I wanted to be, and how I would become him. After a long search, nursing was an ideal I came to believe in. The ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses was the single document that bridged my deeply held views formed in my relationship with Jesus Christ to the views of the nursing profession. But I quickly became discouraged. I failed high school miserably and knew that the foundation of nursing is based in higher education. I decided to take a risk. It was a risk that has proved to be one of the best decisions I have made in my life so far. I currently am excelling in my nursing knowledge, am Vice President of the Student Nurses of Azusa Pacific (SNAP), leadership intern for STTI, and an intern with the School of Nursing to work on the school's accreditation report. I would have had no idea that my ideals would become so real, and my experiences in the clinical setting continuously re-confirm that my life matters beyond myself because I get to add meaning and build-up health in the lives of those I am allowed to care for.

Recently in one of my classes, based on a set of criteria and statistics about nurses, I found it difficult to unanimously agree that nursing is a profession. With much reservation in taking that position, I sincerely do believe it is the most significant profession there is in healthcare and among other professions. While all of nursing is much larger than I can really simplify in a statement, what I do know is that in observing the STTI faculty-members at APU and at past conferences, I am convinced I want to be a part of it. The aims and progress of Iota Sigma have built up into me that I am a professional. I have learned that as a student, I am to own this profession now, and that the care I provide to my patients is not the work of rote skill, but is something that comes out from the heart, that is informed, and brings the patient, whether individual, family, community, or population, into a better state of being.

MEET UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INTERN: ELIZABETH OGANYAN

There are only a few things we can be sure about in this life, and one of those things for me is the belief that God's main purpose for creating me was to mold me into a nurse leader during my lifetime. From the time I came to APU and until my present studies, I have always been diligent and as a result, I have earned good grades with the hope that one day I would have the great opportunity of being inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International. My goal of becoming a member was to learn leadership skills and acquire wisdom from superb nurse leaders whom I could later model after. I still vividly remember receiving the phone call from Professor Viann Duncan on a warm sunny afternoon in the spring of 2007, asking me if I would like to accept their offer of being inducted into STTI; I remember feeling so sure then and there that God really had major plans for my life and this was just the beginning.

After being inducted, I received an email from Iota Sigma's President Marilyn Klakovich asking the new inductees if two students would be interested to volunteer as the student interns representing the APU Iota Sigma Chapter of STTI. I did not hesitate to respond and was welcomed into the chapter by the wonderfully dedicated professors/nurse leaders at APU. By being able to attend our chapter meetings, I have truly been amazed at how hard and long the officers (President Klakovich, Professor Duncan, and Professor McPhee) and the other members work to advance our chapter and meet all the leadership requirements ascribed by STTI. I have been enlightened by the extensiveness of STTI by seeing how it is represented diversely by nurses from all over the globe, who all share one unifying dynamic, and that is their drive to advance nursing as a profession and to help better healthcare all over the world. The nurse leaders representing STTI are also at the forefront of nursing research and are exceptional in their competence in nursing and leadership. I have not told this to anyone yet, but I have been inspired by our own Iota Sigma Chapter officers because they not only serve our chapter well, but they do it with the right attitude and with sacrificing a lot of their personal time. I believe that nurse leaders like them are rare to find and APU is truly blessed to have them on board.

As a student intern, I have been given certain standards that I must meet by the time my internship comes to an end in May of 2008. Some of these activities include the following: attending chapter meetings, attending a nursing conference (e.g. Odyssey Conference in San Diego), partaking in leadership activities (volunteering at conferences, doing fundraising for our chapter, helping to get other members more involved in our organization, etc...), and helping out in any other way when I am needed. I find it personally rewarding to be able to sit down and work with our chapter members and officers because every encounter just brings about more learning opportunities.

On a personal note, with God's grace and mercy, after earning my BSN degree in May of 2008 and after passing my NCLEX exam, I plan to continue working at UCLA in the Pediatrics Department. I would like to further my education and earn my Nurse Practitioners' degree and have my own Pediatric clinic one day. One of my lifetime goals is to open up a group home for abused teenagers who need counseling and a place to live. And last but not least, I would like to be involved in evidence-based nursing research where I can use my nursing knowledge and use my findings to provide excellent holistic care for my patients. In doing all of this, I will continue to integrate the STTI standards of how to be a nurse leader in my community and to advance the work of nurses not just within my community, but to third-world countries.

I feel privileged to be a part of this amazing honor society which I can only urge all of the nursing students here at APU to become members of as well.

18TH INTERNATIONAL NURSING RESEARCH CONGRESS

The 18th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice, 11-14 July 2007 in Vienna, Austria drew more than 1,100 nurses from 48 countries. There were more than 800 oral and poster presentations during the event. Many of the presenters were members of Iota Sigma.

June L. Rondinelli, RN, BSN, a member who is also a graduate student at APU, presented *Connecting the Staff Nurse to Research: A Nursing Research Residency Program as part of a symposium titled: Service and Faculty Partnerships: The Nurse Scientist Program at Kaiser Permanente*.



From Left to Right June with co-presenters Linda Leach and Cecelia Crawford

APU alumnus and 2001 Iota Sigma Research Award recipient, **Katharine West, MPH, MSN, RN, CNS**, (Systems Solutions & Deployment, Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena) presented *Tracking the evidence: Databases Made Easy*.

Iota Sigma members who are also faculty at APU presenting at the Congress included:

Preferences of Chronically Ill Adolescents in Health Treatment Decision-making

E. B. Domingo, PhD

A Multilevel Mentoring Model for Nursing Education: The Hanes Multilevel Interdisciplinary Student Mentoring Model (HMISMM) ©

Patricia Frohock Hanes, PhD, MSN, MAEd, RN

Psychological Factors Effect on Breast Cancer Screening Among Arab Immigrants

Lina Najib Kawar, PhD, RN, BSN, MSN

Collaboration in Career Transitions: Moving In, Moving Through, and Moving Out of an Accelerated Second Career Program (Symposium presented by SCAN leadership team)

Collaboration in Career Transitions: Moving In to an Accelerated Second Career Program

Marilyn D. Klakovich, DNSc, RN, CNA, BC, Phyllis Esslinger, RN, MS

Collaboration in Career Transitions: Moving Through an Accelerated Second Career Program

Patricia Frohock Hanes, RN, MSN, MAEd, PhD(c), Shirley M. Farr, MSN, CNS

Collaboration in Career Transitions: Moving Out of an Accelerated Second Career Program

Felicitas A. Dela Cruz, RN, DNSc, FAANP

IOTA SIGMA'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: WINTER SHELTER HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM

BY: JAVIER ANASTACIO GUERRA, IOTA SIGMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INTERN

It is another dangerously cold night. An older model bus is pulling into the church parking lot to drop off more of the men and women who will be spending the night here. Several people are making their way through the parking lot, who have either walked, ridden their bikes, or were dropped off in a car from wherever they had last laid their heads, but probably not from somewhere they would call home. The check-in line is getting long quickly while faculty and student volunteers from the Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing (APU-SON) are preparing in another room to begin seeing clients. Once a week, on Thursdays, preparation begins early in the evening as all of the past years clients' files are sorted and signed, medicines are restocked, and equipment checked and then loaded into a minivan to be transported from the APU-SON campus to one of the seven rotating host church sites. These sites are organized by the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless (ESGVCH) to provide evening and overnight shelter to the area homeless during the winter months. Through what is called the Winter Shelter Health Services Program, basic healthcare is provided to homeless shelter clients once a week during the months of December through March by APU-SON faculty and students. This health services program will see approximately 25 to 30 people in one night for health assessments, preventative screening, spiritual care, medications, flu shots, referrals, nurse practitioner level diagnosis, health education, and other nursing managed services. There is always a need for more nursing volunteer support.

There are real tangible feelings of compassion and advocacy when providing services to individuals who are among the most vulnerable in our society. It is confirmed time and again how vulnerable these people are by their stories, especially by the health issues they bring into the Winter Shelter Health Services Program (WSHSP) each of the nights we're open at the shelter. Sigma Theta Tau International – Iota Sigma Chapter members have had a long working relationship with the program, providing leadership, volunteers, and support. This health outreach originated by STTI member and APU faculty Dr. Connie Brehm, Director of Winter Shelter Health Services Program, in the mid 1990s, as it initiated as a way to integrate classroom learning with a community-based clinical setting for nurse practitioner students. Over the years it has grown to include more faculty, staff, baccalaureate students, CNS masters students, and even some doctoral students from APU-SON. Participation in this outreach effort is now extensive.

It is the combination of the unexpected, excitement in learning, and reflection that makes each night unique and memorable. Each winter season brings a new challenge of ensuring that there will be enough volunteers available each night the Winter Shelter Health Services Program is opened. This means that as a professional or a student, your time, treasure, and talents all go to benefit homeless individuals in such great need. The list of health problems is extensive and run the full scope of physical, psychosocial, and spiritual need, many of which go untreated because seldom do healthcare systems and providers meet this population in the communities where they are. Many of the health issues would go undiagnosed, untreated, and could easily go from acute to chronic if not detected by the Winter Shelter Health Services Program. For many clients, the only relationship they have

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with healthcare is with ambulance and emergency room services; the Winter Shelter Health Services Program exists to change this relationship by bringing homeless and healthcare providers together in a safe, engaging, and learning environment. At whatever practicing health related level, a genuine heart that sees the dignity, worth, and uniqueness of every individual is qualified to serve in a much needed capacity at the Winter Shelter Health Services Program. No one is asked to do anything they are uncomfortable with, but the opportunities to engage in service are innumerable and the opportunities to sit in front of a person and see in them the face of Christ are unlimited.

Each church site provides a venue for the duration of two weeks, after which the shelter moves to another area church partner. Since there is no permanent emergency shelter within the E. San Gabriel Valley, local churches work with the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless to house the Winter Shelter from December to March each year. Basic needs are provided for in the best manner possible. A bed, blanket, a warm room, along with a warm meal, clothing, shower, transportation, case management and referrals, and basic health services are offered throughout the week. The population of participants range from chronic homeless, to the recently unemployed, to some who are even the employed full-time, but just cannot meet the requirements for housing, and also due to slow and selective processing of applications for meager transitional or subsidized housing availability (public or private).

The East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless (ESGVCH) the organization that oversees the Winter Shelter Program is a faith-based volunteer community group with 501(c)3 status. The Coalition operates the winter shelter program in the region which spans the boundaries of the 60 Pomona Freeway on the south, the 210 Pasadena freeway on the north, the 57 Orange freeway on the east, and the 605 San Gabriel freeway on the west, including all communities within the borders of these freeways and the adjacent communities along side.

STTI members are encouraged to either volunteer or support the Winter Shelter Health Services Program in whatever way is possible. If you are interested in participating this season, please contact Dr. Connie Brehm cbrehm@apu.edu at the APU-SON to be put on an interest list and you will be contacted about any of your questions, receive information concerning calendar, schedules, and positions for the Winter Shelter Health Services Program.

ODYSSEY 2007 CONFERENCE

“BUILDING A HEALTHY PROFESSION, COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD”

October 18 & 19, 2007

Sheraton San Diego Hotel Mission Valley

We hope that many of you were able to attend this event. As this newsletter went to press, the conference had not taken place, so we will include a complete report in our next newsletter. However, our Region 2 coordinator (and immediate past president of Iota Sigma) Kathie Taylor, shared with the planning committee of the conference that presenters at the conference included a number of members of other chapters outside of Southern California and/or our region.

Region 2: Outside of Southern California: Delta Kappa, University of Texas, El Paso

Region 3: Gamma Upsilon, Pittsburg, Kansas

Region 5: Alpha Lambda, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

Region 9: Dual member in Omicron Delta & Xi Nu Chapters out of Indiana University Purdue and Fort Wayne, Indiana

Region 10: Lambda Pi, University of Toronto

Region 12: Delta Tau-at-Large, Holy Family University and Beta XI, University of Delaware

Region 14: Alpha Phi, Hunter College, New York, New York

International no chapter or region indicated: University of Chang Mai, Chang Mai, Thailand

Iota Sigma members who presented at the conference included:

Karla D. Richmond (Iota Sigma)	Female Survivors Of Childhood Sexual Abuse During Perinatal Services
Felicitas delaCruz, & C. Galang, (Iota Sigma, Iota Eta)	The Concept Of Health In Filipino Americans With Hypertension
Patricia Hanes (Iota Sigma, Xi Theta)	Pilot Test Of Composite Cognition Instrument For Combat Care A Multilevel Interdisciplinary Student Mentoring Model©
Shirley M. Farr, RNC, MSN, CNS	Reflective On-Line Journaling For Peer-To-Peer Cohesiveness (Poster)
June Rondinelli, RN, BSN	Staff Nurse Opportunities In Research And Evidence-Based Practice

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Cheers to Jerome Babate, one of our members in the Philippines, coordinated three important nursing events over the last several months: the Florence Nightingale International Nurses Day on May 12, 2007, the Student Nursing Leadership Training in St. Camillus de Lellis and a Community Health Nursing Mission .

Congratulations to Dr. Vicky Bowden, School of Nursing, Director of the Honors Program, on co-editing a special issue of a journal and co-authoring an editorial, both with colleague, Dr. Karen Kavanaugh, University of Chicago, and co-authoring journal articles with colleagues Vicki Andreoni and Jennifer Orbrecht, both of University of Chicago at Illinois.

Bowden, V. & Kavanaugh, K. (2007, September/October). Co-editing of special issue, Pediatric palliative care in education and practice. *The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*.

Kavanaugh, K. & Bowden, V. (2007). Guest editorial: Pediatric palliative care: Exemplar programs. *The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 32 (5), 269.

Andreoni, V. Orbrecht, J., & Bowden, V. (2007). Palliative care resources for the health professional. *The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 32 (5), 305-310.

Congratulations to Dr. Connie Brehm, School of Nursing, and Eve Cruz, Nursing Graduate Student, on the publication of a journal article.

Cruz, E. & Brehm, C. (2007). Introduction to parish nursing. *Health & Development: Quarterly Journal of Christian Community Health Fellowship* (27) 1.

Kudos to Dr. Martha Ann Carey, Dr. Karla Richmond, and Professor Anne Odell, all of the School of Nursing, who presented papers in a symposium at an international conference.

Odell, A. (2007, September). *Voices and values in a vulnerable population: Perceptions of Hawaiian wellness*. Qualitative Methods Conference, Banff, Canada.

Note: Annie was the recipient of Iota Sigma's 2007 Research Award.

Richmond, K. (2007, September). *Giving voice to a hard to reach population: Women survivors of child sexual abuse*. Qualitative Methods Conference, Banff, Canada.

Carey, M. A. (2007, September). *Promoting partnerships: Encouraging and sustaining CBPR*. Qualitative Methods Conference, Banff, Canada.

The symposium was entitled: "Partnerships with Vulnerable Populations."

Bravo to Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz, School of Nursing, for being an invited speaker at a national research conference.

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dela Cruz, F. (2007, March). *Cross-cultural validation of measures in research*. Invited speech at the Annual Research Conference of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations (NCEMNA), San Antonio, TX

One of the overall goals of NCEMNA is to increase the number of ethnic minority nurse researchers who will study health care disparities and contribute knowledge to eliminate them. NCEMNA has been supported by a grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH)/National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS).

Congratulations are in order for Phyllis Esslinger, Professor Emeritus and Director of Recruitment at Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing and Iota Sigma member who was recognized for her work with starting the Western Conservancy of Nursing History (WCNH) in the 8/6/2007 issue of *Advance for Nurses*.

Kudos to Dr. Linda Hansen-Kyle, School of Nursing, on presenting her research at a regional conference.

Hansen-Kyle, L. (2007, April). *Older single women in transition: Moving to a supportive retirement community*. Paper presented at the Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Research Conference, Portland, OR.

Applause to Joyce Johnson, PhD, RN-B.C., who has been promoted to Regional Director, Education and Research for Kaiser Permanente in Pasadena.

Kudos to Dr. Marilyn Klakovich and Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz, School of Nursing, on their paper presentation at a regional conference.

Klakovich, M.D., & delaCruz, F. A. (2007, April). *Initial validation of the Pre-Professional Clinical Competence Scale*. Paper presented at the Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Research Conference, Portland, OR.

Kudos to Patti Shakhshir PhDc, MSN, RN,C, CNS who was featured in the Spring, 2007 newsletter of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN) SoCal Chapter. The feature article was titled "A Day in the Life of a Pain Management Coordinator".

Patti is Pain Management Coordinator at San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland, California. She also holds an Adjunct Faculty position in Azusa Pacific University SCAN Nursing Program. Patti has been an active member of ASPMN Southern California Chapter since 1997. She is also completing her PhD program at Azusa Pacific University. Her research is on "Musiking: The Meaning of Music for Chronic Pain Patients".

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Kudos to Dr. Leslie Van Dover, School of Nursing, and Prof. Jane Pfeiffer, Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing, on their invited presentation at a national conference.

Pfeiffer, J. & Van Dover, L. (2007, June/July). *Research and practice in spiritual care – a theory-based workshop for spiritual care giving*. Invited presentation at the Nursing as Ministry National Conference and National Summit for Nurses and Nursing Students. Bethel University, St. Paul, MN.

Cheers for Debbie Walsh who was named chief executive officer of USC University Hospital, a 265-bed academic medical center, and USC Norris Cancer Hospital, a 60-bed hospital that specializes in cancer treatment, effective immediately. Walsh has a bachelor's degree in nursing from California State University, Los Angeles and a master's degree in nursing from Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.

“Debbie is an accomplished health care executive with nearly 30 years of management and clinical experience,” said Jeffrey Flocken, senior vice president for Tenet's California Region. “She has successfully led USC University Hospital and USC Norris to many accomplishments in the past year, most notably the completion of the new \$150 million Norris Inpatient Tower in January. Debbie is respected by the physicians and nurses at both hospitals, and is well-deserving of this promotion.”

Kudos to Dr. Cheryl Westlake, Nursing PhD Program, on being asked to present a paper at a national conference and to serve as a judge in a research competition.

Westlake, C. (2007, June). *Adherence and self care: tips for teaching - how to stay on course*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses. San Diego.

She was also asked to serve as a judge for the Nursing Research Competition session.

2007-2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 18-19, 2007	Odyssey 2007 Conference. San Diego, CA.
November 2-6, 2007	Biennial Convention, Baltimore, MD
November 12, 2007	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm Darling Room 405
November 14, 2007	Nursing Recruitment Fair, APU
December 10, 2007	Iota Sigma Make-up Induction and New Member Welcome: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Location TBD
January 14, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library
Week of January 28, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Conference Room
February 11, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting and Information Meetings: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library
February 15, 2008	Deadline to submit Research Award Application
March 25, 2008	4th Annual School of Nursing Research Day and Iota Sigma Annual Meeting (and March Board Meeting)
April 14, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library
April 18, 2008	Iota Sigma Spring Induction & 20th Anniversary Celebration: 5:00 pm in Upper Turner Campus Center, Azusa Pacific University
May 12, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library
June 9, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Library: Officer and Board Transition Meeting
July 9-12, 2008	19th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice, Singapore
September 8, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Location TBD
September 25-27, 2008	STTI Leadership Academy
October 13, 2008	Iota Sigma Board Meeting: 5:00 pm in School of Nursing Location TBD