WCU School of Nursing and Eta Psi co-sponsor Research Day, an opportunity for graduate students to present thesis and research project topics. The opening speaker Dr. Vallire Hooper will start the day with the “Translating Evidence into Practice”. Graduate student presentations will follow Dr. Hooper’s keynote address. For information please call 828-670-8810 X222, Suzan Melvin.

Dr. Hooper is the Manager of Nursing Research at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC. She has over 25 years of experience in the area of perianesthesia nursing as a staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, and researcher. She has chaired 2 national multi-disciplinary teams in the development of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) – Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and/or Management of Postoperative/Postdischarge Nausea and Vomiting (PONV/PDNV) (ASPAN, 2006) and Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Maintenance of Perioperative Normothermia (Hooper, et al, 2009). Dr. Hooper’s research interests include the relationship of evidence-based practice to patient quality and safety, with a specific focus on the development of multi-disciplinary evidence-based guidelines, the translation of those guidelines to practice, and comparative-effectiveness research examining the effect of singular and combined evidence-based interventions on patient outcome. Dr. Hooper was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2006, and serves on their expert panels for quality health care and acute care nursing. She is has also been the co-editor for the Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing for 11 years.

Congratulations to the newest members of Sigma Theta Tau International, Eta Psi Chapter inducted March 10, 2012 at Western Carolina University. Professor Bonnie Garner RN, MS, CPN presented “A Global Perspective on Nursing Leadership” as the keynote speaker for the celebration.

Denise M. Athens  
Madeleine Bains  
Morgan Barret  
Amee Jo. Bielski  
Kelsie Bryant  
Susan Maria Caldwell  
Adriane Dehghan  
Gail M.C. Elliot  
Varenda C. Fowler  
Kelsea Greene  
Laura M. Hastings  
Cindy M. Homan  
Kerri Michelle Kenel  
Andrew Loudermilk  
Izabela Lubinska-Welch  
Leslie Merrell  
Kara Elizabeth Michalov  
Melinda Morrow  
Katherine Potts  
Tamara Rape  
Jennifer Robinson
Elida Home Semi-Formal

STTI Eta Psi Chapter joined the Western Carolina University Association of Nursing Students in a service project for the Elida Home for Children. Over 100 Elida Home children attended the Semi-Formal event themed “Masquerade Ball” on March 15, 2012. Volunteers for the event included members of the WCU ANS and WCU senior class members. The room was decorated in a masquerade ball theme, music was provided by a DJ, and a photographer was on scene to take pictures. Gowns and sports coats were collected and donations from local businesses helped create a special evening for the attendees.

A Special “Thank You” to our recent Presenters:

- Integrative Health: Tends and Outcomes by Lourdes Lorenz, RN, MSN-IH, AHN-BC
- Submitting to Present at a Conference: Finding a Venue, Abstract Writing, Preparing to Present by Mary Ellen Wright, RN, MSN, APRN, CPNP
- Research Roundtable panel participants: Linda Comer RN, PhD, CNE, Judy Neu-

41st Biennial Convention: People and Knowledge: Connecting for Global Health


The Circle: Sigma Theta Tau International Online Professional Networking Site

Sigma Theta Tau International has established a new professional networking site for all active members. The Circle was developed for members to connect with each other, their chapter, regions, and headquarters. Members can “friend” other members via the member directory and network. 

http://thecircle.nursingsociety.org/
Nominations for Community Leaders!!!

Because of your success and dedication to nursing, the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International invites our community nursing leaders to become members of one of the largest and most prestigious nursing organizations in the world. An honor to join. A benefit to belong! The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. And there is no better way to fulfill this mission than to invite our nursing leaders!

If someone you know would like to become a member of Sigma Theta Tau International and meets the following requirements, please send them the link listed below for the online application as a Nurse Leader for the Eta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Nurse Leader Candidates must:
- Be legally recognized to practice nursing in his/her country
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field
- Demonstrate achievement in nursing

http://www.stti.org/nurseleader/

Eta Psi Chapter Call for Candidates

Positions open for:
- Governance committee members
  Governance committee oversees chapter membership eligibility issues and updates the chapter’s bylaws.
- Leadership Succession committee members
  Mentor chapter leadership and oversee election process.
- Newsletter committee members
  Assist with the chapter newsletter and publicity activities.
- Research committee members
  Assist with research awards, grants and events.

Interested in participation in committee activities or communication/marketing, newsletter article submission, assisting with community services events…
Contact Cheryl Conway at cmoseley85@yahoo.com