The Spring Program for the Western Carolina University Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Psi Chapter will be a presentation by Dr. Alex Sargysan. Dr. Sargsyan will present the overview of two terminal degrees in nursing and describe the outcomes of DNP and PhD education for nurses. While PhD degree provides graduates with the skills needed to conduct research and develop new knowledge and disseminate findings among nursing and other disciplines, DNP graduates will serve as nursing leaders and will have skills and knowledge essential to translate nursing knowledge into practice settings. During this presentation Dr. Sargsyan will give a brief overview of curriculum in both DNP and PhD programs.

Dr. Sargysan is an Assistant Professor in the Western Carolina University School of Nursing. He is a faculty member in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program. He completed his Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Spring 2012 from Duke University.

February 26, 2013. 6:30-7:30pm. Biltmore Park Campus Room 335 Membership meeting 6-6:30pm

Newest Members of Eta Psi Chapter

Congratulations to the newest members of Sigma Theta Tau International, Eta Psi Chapter inducted November 17, 2012 at Western Carolina University, Biltmore Park Campus. The Charge to the Inductees was given by Dr. Suzanne Beyea, Director of Professional Development, Mission Hospital.

Jennifer White  June Harvey  Betsy Absher
Racheal Borenstein  Charlene Hendel  Jennifer Berry
Jamie Brown  Patricia Hoeftle  Anjuli Carter
Tosha Chipman  Corin Kuss  Charli Crapps
Karen Cicogna  Debbie Leete  Kelley Haney
Christina Clark  Wendy Lindsey  Charlene Haug
Melanie Clark  Christopher Nanney  Julie Lester
Tammy Cloer  Katelyn Phillips  Miranda Myers
Krystina Collins  Hillery Thacker  Samantha Raught
Keisha Griffith  Janine Van Horn  Stacey Ayers
Leadership Awards

Leadership awards were given at the Fall, 2012 convocation ceremonies to baccalaureate graduates who stood out in the graduating class and represented the qualities of a leader. Kelsea Greene was recognized with the Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Psi Chapter leadership award for the traditional BSN graduating class and Emmy Shelby was chosen as the awardee for the ABSN class.

Kelsea Greene in addition to excelling academically as a honor student, was active in a variety of extracurricular activities. She was the Vice President of Association of Nursing Students, participated in the Nurses Christian Fellowship, and chosen as sole recipient for the Christopher Cash nursing scholarship. She participated in the alternative Spring Break trip to Jamaica to learn about health care challenges in a developing country. Professor Cheryl Clark describes her as “Nothing but Great!”. She will be starting a new graduate position at Vidant Health as a rehabilitation nurse in Greenville, NC.

Emmy Shelby came to the ABSN program with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota, with a major in international studies and Spanish. She brought with her to the nursing program a wealth of past work experiences, ranging from wilderness guide to EMT. Her experiences carried her from Alaska to Latin America. As Emmy progressed through the ABSN program it became clear to her professors that she was a positive role model for her student colleagues, both through the rigor with which she approached academics, and through her outstanding performance when providing patient care.

Upcoming Conferences......
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/

Be A Part of the Action!

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…

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/
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Conducting Research and Looking for Funding?
Apply for a Research Grant from STTI, Eta Psi Chapter. Contact Linda Comer lcomer@email.wcu.edu for more information.

Mark Your Calendars Eta Psi Chapter Events
- February 26, 2013 Winter Program
- March 5, 2013 Research Roundtable
- March 16, 2013 Induction of New Members
- April 23, 2013 Research Day