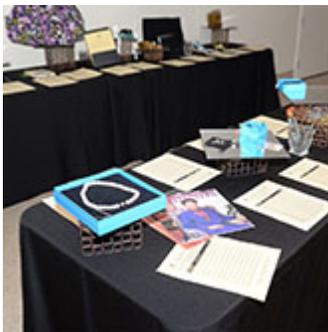


# THE Heritage Society

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## Request for silent auction items



Do you have items to donate for the Heritage Society Dinner? We are looking for good quality items and nursing nostalgia to include in the upcoming silent auction. If you plan to donate items, please contact Nikki Aleman at [nikki@sigmanursing.org](mailto:nikki@sigmanursing.org) or 317.917.4938.

Please plan to attend the next Heritage Society Dinner and Silent Auction on 17 November 2019 during Sigma's 45th Biennial Convention. The dinner will be at the Riverview Ballroom at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland, USA. Invitations will be mailed later this year for this lovely event.

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## New Heritage Society donors

*We gratefully recognize the newest Heritage Society donors who've made their commitment to support nursing worldwide.*

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**Dr. Constance M. Baker**, EdD, MEd, 2MAs, BSN, RN  
Professor Emerita, Nursing and Philanthropic Studies  
Indiana University  
Alpha Zeta Chapter  
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[Read more about Dr. Baker](#)

### ***Sigma Theta Tau Fellow***



**Susan B. Connor**, (Lt Col Ret), PhD, MSN, BSN, RN  
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The College of St. Scholastica  
Theta Xi Chapter  
Britt, Minnesota, USA

### ***Virginia Henderson Fellow***



**Rachel Choudhury**, MSN, MS, RN, CNE  
Phi Gamma Chapter  
Murrieta, California, USA

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## News about Fellows

**Jose Alejandro** was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves in October 2018.

**Jerico Alicante** was elected as Vice President of Practice, Education, Administration & Research for North Dakota Nurses Association. He was appointed as North Dakota State Contact for Nurses on Boards Coalition and is a member of North Dakota Center for Nursing Leadership Team.

**Lynda Bartlett** was recently appointed to the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDFPR) [Illinois Nursing Workforce Center](#) Advisory Board.

**Diane Billings** is serving as a mentor in the Experienced Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy.

**Barbara Brunt** received the Betty Newman Award for Contributions to the Profession from Walsh University, and she had the [article](#) *Workplace Violence Training Using Simulation* published in the *American Journal of Nursing*.

**Ellen Buckner** has been selected as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) in Nursing and will be inducted in March 2019.

**Sharon Byrne** is a member of The International Nurses Association and was recognized as one of the top DNP Nurses in New Jersey in the 2018 edition of *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*.

**Paula Ellis** has been [named](#) Chief Executive Officer of Saint John Hospital.

**Amy Heithoff's** daughter, Sophia Dominguez-Heithoff, completed her reign as [Miss Teen USA 2017](#) and crowned her successor.

**Peggy Jenkins** received a CGEAN grant for her work Innovative Intraprofessional Doctoral Education: Agile, Participatory, Action Research. She recently published the article "Academic/Practice/Industry Collaboration to Develop Nursing Value Research Data Warehouse Governance" in *Nursing Economic\$*.

**Deborah Jones** received a second Master of Science in Nursing, The Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing on 11 August 2018. She also passed the Board Exam on 12 October 2018.

**Nancyruth Leibold** is the lead of the recently funded project *Culturally Relevant Teaching Praxis in Nursing Education*. It is a collaborative project in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to promote culturally relevant teaching practice.

**Address Malata** is the first woman appointed Vice Chancellor of Malawi University of Science and Technology.

**Sarah Marshall** was conferred Doctorate of Nursing Practice on October 27, 2018 and attended the graduation ceremony on February 2, 2019.

**Donna Nickitas** recently co-authored and released *Public Policy and Politics for Nurses and Other Health Professionals* (Third Ed). She was appointed to the New Jersey State Department

of Health Preventative Health Advisory Committee effective January 2019, and recently appointed member of the Executive Women of New Jersey.

**David and Marla Ostermeyer** are empty nesters and missing their children. One son and his wife are continuing Air Traffic Control training at the LAX Center in California, and the other son and his wife continue their missionary work in Bloomington, Indiana and other countries.

**Shannon Perry** took her grandson to London for his 10th birthday in August 2018. She and her daughter toured France in September, and then she walked 73 miles on the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago, Spain with her sister and sister-in-law. In November she participated in the Freedom Challenge Mission trip to Moldova.

**Alyce Schultz** was appointed community member of the Bozeman Health Quality and Safety Committee.

**Pennie Sessler Branden** has been appointed a [Sigma United Nations liaison](#) for a two-year term.

**Gwen Sherwood** was Visiting Professor at Ramathibodi School of Nursing in Bangkok, Thailand recently and had the opportunity to participate in the Phi Omega at-Large Chapter new member induction.

**Kathleen Taylor** served as an Orange County Women's Health Project VIPEep Planning Committee member for the September 2018 fund raising event and [film screening](#) of *Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story*.

**Guillermo Valdes** became certified as Medical Surgical Registered Nurse by the Medical Surgical Certification Board (CMSRN) and was appointed RN to BSN Program Department Chair at Miami Dade College Benjamin Leon School of Nursing.

**Linda Yoder** [received](#) the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Central Texas Oncology Nursing Society.

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*“It is with privilege and honor to have the opportunity to give to the profession of nursing through Sigma Foundation’s Virginia Henderson Fellowship. The work of nurse researchers is very important in expanding the science of nursing, with the aim of improving health care outcomes globally. I hope that my gift will continue to support excellence and scholarship of our Sigma members!”*

—Rachel Choudhury  
Virginia Henderson Fellow

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