

THE Heritage Society

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Heritage Society Dinner and Silent Auction

The next Heritage Society Dinner and Silent Auction will be held 17 November 2019 during the 45th Biennial Convention. Heritage Society donors will enjoy dinner and a silent auction with many lovely and fun items to bid on. The dinner will be within walking distance of the convention center at the Riverview Ballroom at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. The room offers some stunning views of the Potomac River. [Check them out in this short video.](#) We hope to see you there.



Leadership Education Grant Recipients

Thirty-two Sigma members attended the 29th International Nursing Research Congress in Melbourne, Australia, 19-23 July 2018, after receiving Leadership Education Grants. Heritage

Society donors attending congress were able to meet the grant recipients at a meet and greet on 19 July.



New Heritage Society Donors

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

Virginia Henderson Fellows



Christine Alichnie, PhD, RN
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News About Fellows

The following individuals are serving on the 2017-2019 [Sigma Marketplace Board of Directors](#).

Sue Haddock

Debra Heinrich

Donna Nickitas (Secretary)

Terry Siek

The following individuals are serving on the 2017-2019 [Sigma Building Corporation Board of Directors](#).

Jose Alejandro (Treasurer)

Robin Bartlett

Suzanne Prevost (Chair)

The following individuals will be inducted in November 2018 as [Fellows](#) of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).

Doris Grinspun

Cynthia Vlasich

Jose Alejandro assumed the role as President of Case Management Society of America for 2018-2020.

Jerico G. Alicante was appointed as Sigma Asia Regional Committee member for 2017-2019 and is working full time as a Medical Specialty RN at Sanford Medical Center Fargo, North Dakota, USA.

Becky Baird and Ellen Palmer carried two Laerdal MamaNatalie® Birthing Simulators, donated by United Methodist Women, to Haiti. They demonstrated its use at King's Hospital Maternal/Child Health SimLab in Port-au-Prince, providing nurses with realistic training in maternal and newborn care.

Judy Beal was elected Chair Elect of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing from 2018-2020. She will serve as Chair from 2020-2022.

Kelly Betts began her new role as the Assistant Dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing Scottsbluff Campus in August 2018.

Marion Broome was awarded an [honorary doctorate](#) by the University of Massachusetts Medical School on 2 June 2018.

Sharon Byrne will be presenting her oral abstract *Applying Evidence-based Practice to Advance Leadership in Practice Among Graduate Nursing Students* at Sigma's Leadership Connection 15-18 September, and she will be part of a national nursing delegation to India through [NANDA Journeys](#) 6-15 October 2018.

Karen Cox is the new [President](#) of Chamberlain University as of 27 August 2018.

Ken Dion was appointed [Assistant Dean for Business Development and Strategic Relationships](#) at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Joanne Disch was named the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award winner from the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

Susan Groenwald [retired](#) as president of Chamberlain University and is now President Emeritus.

Carolyn Gunning received the [2018 Living Legends](#) recognition from the Texas Nurses Association at their 2018 Legacy Banquet.

Sara Horton-Deutsch joined the faculty at the University of San Francisco School of Nursing and Health Professions as a full professor with tenure in August 2018

Nancyruth Leibold earned her Advanced Holistic Nurse-Board Certification in February 2018. She was awarded the Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award from the Southwest Minnesota Nursing Honor Society in March 2018. A virtual lesson she authored, Coordinated School Health Program, was selected as SoftChalk's Lesson of the Week on 24 May 2018.

Susan Ludington was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Greater Cleveland Nurses Association and Cleveland Magazine in June 2018. She was recognized for her outstanding productivity to create nursing science to verify interventions designed to improve the well-being of newborns around the world and for her extensive commitment to teaching and mentoring others in nursing science and scholarly activities.

Sarah L. Marshall completed her term as chartering president for Psi Tau Chapter and now is president of Alpha Omega Chapter. Her joint appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor was renewed; she was re-elected a second term as Board of Director for Nurses Association for the Counties of Long Island (NACLI); and she is serving as a mentor for a Chamberlin College student.

Ida Martinson was inducted as an honorary member of the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing in May. Ida and her husband are two of the founders of China Service Ventures who were invited to expand their work in Henan, China after approval from the Chinese government.

Donna Nickitas was appointed [Dean at Rutgers University School of Nursing-Camden](#).

Debbie Noguerras Conner was appointed Chair: Family Nurse Practitioner at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. She recently co-authored the [book](#) *Overcoming Writing Challenges in Bilingual Nursing Students: A Funds of Knowledge Collaboration with Pre-Service Education Students*.

David and Marla Ostermeyer recently attended their second son, Matthew's, wedding on 14 July 2018. Their son and new wife will continue missionary work in Bloomington, Indiana while he continues his work to be an ordained minister. Their older son and his wife passed their air traffic control tests and are in Los Angeles continuing training for 3 months.

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Shannon Perry had a poem, “The Light in My Eyes,” published in the July-August issue of Colorado Life. A young woman in Uganda that she supported through secondary school has been accepted into Uganda Martyrs University to study Procurement and Logistics. Shannon and her husband celebrated his 75th birthday by taking a cruise from Prague to Budapest.

Larry Purnell co-authored the newly released book *Global Application of Culturally Competent Health Care: Guidelines for Practice*.

Alyce Schultz was appointed as a community member of Bozeman Health System Quality and Safety Committee of the Board.

Enna Trevathan was appointed as the Director of Nursing at San Mateo Community College.

Dee Welk will serve on the Global Regional Council North America East with another Sigma Region 11 leader, representing the western halves of New York and Pennsylvania as part of a new Sigma initiative.

Patricia Yoder-Wise received the [2018 Living Legends](#) recognition from the Texas Nurses Association at their 2018 Legacy Banquet.

“The reason I became a Virginia Henderson Fellow is that as nurses we have a responsibility to our profession. If we do not support nursing from within, others will direct us from without. To promote advancement, one must commit time and financial support to bring forth the best in any profession. This is especially important in a profession that touches so many when they are the most vulnerable.”

— Mary Bemker
Virginia Henderson Fellow

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