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The ORCHID SOCIETY

New Orchid Society Members

Jerico Gamiao Alicante
Kathy Bennison
Donna Hill Howes
Jeanne Morrison
Lynn Lambuth

In other words



“I have been the recipient of awards and Sigma benefits and I feel it is important to express my thanks, especially in terms of funding research opportunities. The Orchid Society is an easy way to plan for the future of nursing.”

— **Marita B. Hoffart PhD, RN**

Past President, Omicron Tau Chapter

The impact of giving today

Thanks to donations from individuals and chapters, leadership education grants were awarded to members from around the world to attend the 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, this October. Speaking to donors who supported her attendance, grant recipient Adenike Olaogun shared, “I am indebted to Sigma and would have found my way here without this grant; however, it helps because it greatly reduces the financial burden. I want to assure you that we — particularly those from limited resource settings like my country — are effectively using the knowledge you impart on us and the skills we are acquiring to touch lives. I am not saying thank you only for myself; I am saying thank you for what you are doing for my country, Nigeria.” Adenike is passionate about reducing maternal mortality and presented her research on this topic to other convention attendees.



Every Member Around the World Campaign Update

Total as of 30 September 2017: US \$3.5 million



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The impact of a planned gift

During the 2017 Heritage Society Dinner, a major bequest from Dr. Doris J. Froebe was announced. She was a forerunner in nursing administration research and was one of the first Indiana nurse leaders inducted into the American Academy of Nursing. Doris was a proud member of Alpha Chapter of Sigma. Until she passed away in July 2016, Doris kept up to date with Sigma's global achievements in nursing through her visits with its CEOs and Foundation staff members. The Foundation recently received its largest bequest and will use it to establish the Dr. Doris J. Froebe Leadership Education Grant Fund. The fund's proceeds will help the Foundation fulfill more of the large numbers of requests we receive from nurses around the world seeking financial assistance to disseminate their research at Sigma's congresses and conventions. The first grants from this fund will be awarded in 2018 at the 29th International Nursing Research Congress in Melbourne, Australia. The Foundation and Sigma are honored to receive this generous bequest from Doris. Also in recognition of this generous bequest, the executive office suite at Sigma's headquarters is

now named the Dr. Doris J. Froebe Executive Suite.



Upcoming Sigma Events

[Nursing Education Research Conference](#)

19-21 April 2018, Washington, DC, USA

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[29th International Nursing Research Congress](#)

19-23 July 2018, Melbourne, Australia

[Register today »](#)

[Leadership Connection 2018](#)

15-18 September 2018, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

Member News

Jerico Alicante has been appointed to serve on the Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors until 2021. He will serve as a member of the Asia Global Regional Committee and Leadership Education Grant Committee member, each for two-year terms.

Kathryn Moore retired from the US Army Reserve, Army Nurse Corps after 28 years of service at the rank of Colonel. She received the Legion of Merit Award for her years of service.

Donna Hill Howes, Mary Rose Smoczek, and Benson Wright attended the 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

Ellen Palmer attended the Institute for Global Healthcare Leadership's Emerging Global Leader Institute and the 28th International Nursing Research Congress in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Orchid Society

Sigma's founders selected the orchid as the official flower of the honor society more than 90 years ago, and the significance of its strength and beauty will be valued into the future. The Orchid Society recognizes Sigma members and supporters who have made a commitment to the Sigma Foundation to help ensure the future of global nursing leadership, research, and Sigma programs. Orchid Society membership is open to anyone who is providing a planned gift to the Foundation.

Share this newsletter with a friend and encourage them to plan for the future of nursing and join the Orchid Society.



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