Excellence in Service Award
Dorothy Garrigus Adams Founders Award

PURPOSE
The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of Sigma and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their insights in 1922 that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice. This award recognizes excellence in service.

This award, in honor of Sigma’s first president from outside North America, Hester Klopper, celebrates extraordinary voluntary service in projects that address global health disparities, healthcare, the nursing profession, and Sigma.

Sigma membership is required.

ELIGIBILITY
All active Sigma members worldwide are eligible to be nominated for this award. Members may not self-nominate; any self-nominations will be disqualified.

Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible.

CRITERIA
Nomination should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:

1. Has a sustained, positive impact on a global health disparity of a targeted population
2. Elevates and promotes the practice of nursing administration, education, leadership, policy, practice, or research
3. Demonstrates a spirit of compassion, caring, and the sustained impact of volunteer service in quality and quantity
4. Commits to ongoing volunteer service
5. Advances and promotes healthcare, the nursing profession, and the mission and vision of Sigma

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc. —excluding nominator)
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae
- Letter of Acceptance—A statement from the nominee accepting the nomination and agreeing to attend Sigma’s biennial convention if selected as the award recipient
- Supporting documentation—Materials or summaries that provide direct evidence of meeting the award criteria (not to exceed 10 pages). This includes videos, writing samples, articles, photos, etc. This is an opportunity to expand on the summary provided by the supporting narrative. Additional letters of support will not be considered.