

CANDIDATES

LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION COMMITTEE (ELECT THREE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM)



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I was inducted into the Rho Epsilon Chapter of Sigma in 2009 during my baccalaureate nursing program at Stevenson University in Maryland, USA. I quickly recognized the importance of Sigma's work, and I knew immediately that this was an organization in which I would be engaged for years to come. Soon after graduating, I joined the Governance Committee and became the chairperson of that committee. I also served as treasurer, president-elect, and ultimately, president of the chapter. In addition to learning valuable leadership skills in each position, I was able to assist with planning and implementing multiple activities and events for the chapter, ranging from securing presenters for fundraising dinners to staffing the medical tent at a local pancreatic cancer 5K fundraiser. I joined the Iota Epsilon Chapter of Sigma after being hired as an assistant professor of nursing at Towson University in Maryland, USA in 2016, and I immediately signed on as a chapter leader to continue my engagement with Sigma and Region 12. In Iota Epsilon, I have served as the Leadership Succession Committee chairperson and the chapter secretary, which has expanded my leadership experiences and further strengthened my commitment to lifelong engagement with Sigma. I have presented, volunteered, and voted at multiple biennial conventions and conferences offered by Sigma, and I have had my personal leadership journey featured in Sigma's *Reflections on Nursing Leadership*. I worked on a leadership project with Sigma staff as a Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar in my doctoral program. With each new endeavor, I learn something new, and I am reminded of how valuable Sigma's work is to the nursing profession globally.

If elected to the LSC, I will continue to work tirelessly to promote excellence in nursing scholarship with nurses of all backgrounds and

educational preparations. As a psychiatric-mental health nurse, I have always been a staunch advocate for vulnerable and marginalized populations, and I strive to be cognizant of whose voice is missing from the discussion and whose perspective is not being considered. I will make every effort to ensure that the LSC ballots reflect the wonderfully diverse and gifted membership of this organization. I am passionate about leadership development for nurses, and I have published on this topic with my colleagues in the Emerging Scholars Network of the Midwest Nursing Research Society. Early in my career, I never considered myself a nurse leader, and I am extremely grateful to my mentors who showed me, and continue to show me, otherwise. I endeavor to be the kind of leadership mentor for others that my own mentors have been for me. Sigma's mission has become even more crucial in the current global climate, as it is more apparent than ever how desperately nurse leaders are needed worldwide. My goal as an LSC member is to recruit, retain, and develop the many talented nurses who make Sigma such a dynamic and prominent organization and who transform healthcare globally.