

CANDIDATES

REGIONAL COORDINATOR

NORTH AMERICA REGION 8 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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In November 2019, when I was elected as the Region 8 Regional Chapter Coordinator (RCC), I was excited to implement ways to increase engagement between the Region 8 chapters, develop a Region 8 newsletter that would highlight the accomplishments of our chapters, serve as a

representative for Sigma and Region 8 at Sigma events, help chapters expand their offerings to their members, and much more. I had no idea that four months later, our lives would change tremendously due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The country halted in-person meetings, college campuses closed their in-person classes, and travel ceased. The shutdown also halted the fulfillment of goals I had set for myself as the Region 8 RCC.

I believe that one should not hold on to a role/position forever but should serve as a mentor to those members younger than us (in years/experience). Initially, my first thought was to serve as Region 8 RCC and then serve as a mentor to the next RCC. But as I believe that one should not hold a position forever I also do not believe in leaving projects/goals/missions unfulfilled. I have not achieved the goals I set for myself when initially elected. For this reason, I am seeking reelection as the Region 8 Regional Chapter Coordinator.

I continue to have a vision of expanding the newsletter. I published two editions and I am presently working on the third. The regional newsletter is an excellent way to connect the 33 chapters within Region 8. The sharing of ideas serves as a spark that can propel a chapter to greater heights. It has been a delight to hear and see the events that our chapters have engaged in around Region 8 despite the challenges we have faced due to the pandemic. I have attended, virtually, several events as RCC. However, I would like to visit, in person, more of our chapters and

share my enthusiasm for the many benefits and opportunities of being a Sigma member. I believe our chapters should be recognized for their contributions to our communities, schools, and members and that recognition can be in the form of credit through the opportunities such as the Showcase of Regional Excellence, Chapter Key Award, or individual awards presented to members. In my role as RCC, I can assist chapters in the submission process for these types of recognition.

The vision of Sigma is to connect and empower nurse leaders to transform global healthcare. The way we do this is through the Sigma mission of developing nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere. I would be honored to be reelected as the Region 8 Regional Chapter Coordinator and continue the vision and mission of Sigma.