

# CANDIDATES

## REGIONAL COORDINATOR

### NORTH AMERICA REGION 14 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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I have been in the nursing profession for over 40 years. During this time, I have held positions in healthcare as a staff nurse, educator, nurse manager, clinical and educational nurse specialist and nurse practitioner. My field of practice is acute care neonatology and primary care

pediatrics. Additionally, I hold national board certification as a primary care pediatric nurse practitioner, advanced practice holistic nurse and clinical nurse leader. Currently, I am a Clinical Associate Professor and Director of the Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program at Seton Hall University.

My association with Sigma began in 2001 when I was inducted as a member to the Gamma Nu Chapter, Seton Hall University. I have held positions as board member, president-elect and president. I currently hold the office of chair of scholarships and awards. I have attended the biennial convention as a delegate. Recently, I had the privilege of serving on the planning committee for the Region 14 annual conference and presenting an abstract written by the Organization of Nurse Leaders (NJ) entitled, "What Nurses Need to Support a Healthy Workplace Environment: An Integrative Review of Nurses' Perspectives" published in *Worldviews Evidence Based Nursing*. At present, I am the Chair of the Chapter Engagement Committee for Region 14.

The mission of Sigma, "developing nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere" resonates within me as a holistic nurse. As a holistic nurse and academician, I have journeyed with many nurses aspiring to become nurse leaders. Over the course of some forty years, I have educated, mentored and supported nurses in becoming better leaders and clinicians by providing individualized review classes for certification and

licensure. These nurses have gone on to become managers, advanced practice nurses and educators. I am so proud to say that I helped them in their journey. Currently, I am mentoring a young woman from Nigeria who is preparing for the NCLEX exam. It warms my heart to watch her grow and join the ranks of NJ nurses.

My leadership experience started in the early 80's when I was asked to join the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care nurses (AACN). I felt I was out of my element because the chapter was comprised mostly of adult critical care nurses. What could I, as a neonatal critical care nurse, bring to the table? This group enveloped me with compassion and warmth because I could speak to caring for the pregnant woman and her unborn child that they were so frightened to care for in the intensive care unit. During my journey with this chapter, I went from board member to president. This association started my travels and experience in leadership. My other leadership experiences include Founder and Chapter Leader of the Tristate Chapter of the American Holistic Nurses Association, President of the NJ Association of Neonatal Nurses and Chair, Academic Integrity Committee, Seton Hall University.

My motivation and commitment for serving Sigma in an elected position is an easy one. I want to give back to my colleagues and friends for their lifelong support of my endeavors. I would not be where I am today without the loving support of my mentors and cheerleaders. To them I am forever grateful. Because of my leadership and volunteer activities with many associations; I feel I could benefit Sigma and its membership as a future leader. I am up for the challenge.