

CANDIDATES

REGIONAL COORDINATOR

NORTH AMERICA REGION 12 (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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I am seeking re-election to the Region 12 Coordinator position for Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma). I have been a proud and dedicated Sigma member since 2006. At the International level, I am currently the North America

Region 12 Coordinator. Since 2015, I have continued to volunteer for Sigma in a variety of roles including being a moderator, conference greeter, career mentor and advisor, Key Award Task Force and Key Award judge. I have also previously served as an Electronic Delegate and Biennial Convention Delegate for the Beta Xi Chapter. As a previous Delegate, Past President of the Beta Xi Chapter, and now Region 12 Coordinator I am very familiar with Sigma policies and procedures. I am eager to serve again as the Region 12 Coordinator again if elected and will continue to uphold the mission and vision of Sigma.

Since 2012, I have been a Planning Committee member for the Tri-State Consortium and more recently a co-chair. From 2014 to 2016, I was a Planning Committee member for the Chesapeake Consortium where I was instrumental in obtaining speakers for the annual conference. At the local level, I have served as Secretary and President twice, as well as being the Chair for the Outreach and Service Committee. I have been involved with the Special Edition Newsletter as an editor and a liaison/second reader. I continue to have an active role in the application for the Chapter Key Award, having received 4 under my tutelage.

I am currently an Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Practice Initiatives in the School of Nursing at the University of Delaware and an Advanced Practice Nurse in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. As the sole specialist in mental health at the School of Nursing, I have been

responsible for development and advisement of the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner/ doctorate of nursing practice program. This experience has provided me with opportunities to create and edit student policies and develop curriculum. Given my professional background, I have skills in active listening and mentoring. I believe that I am capable of acknowledging multiple viewpoints and working to achieve consensus, even on particularly challenging topics. These are valuable attributes to possess in order to be an effective leader and mentor for Region 12.

I aspire to help the organization meet the needs of its members who are a diverse global group of individuals with careers spanning from novice to expert to retiree. While embracing new ideas, I strive to maintain the mission, values, and rich history of Sigma. If re-elected, I will continue to provide a considerate, forward-thinking, and unique perspective to the region with the goal of strengthening Sigma's position as the only global honor society for nursing. I will provide input and guidance into making the organization relevant to the diverse membership across the career spectrum and foster global health and policy to improve the health of the world's people.