

# CANDIDATES

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



### Kimberly Velez MSN, RN



Sigma Theta Tau International's vision and mission statements paint a clear picture that nurses are instrumental in shaping the future of healthcare. The organization is constantly promoting future nurse leaders' empowerment and preparation with expertise to succeed on a global scale. Since joining in 2012 as a Nurse Leader, Sigma's continued inspiration is why I, Kimberly Velez, MSN, RN, am honored to run for a seat on the Leadership Succession Committee. Currently holding active memberships in three chapters, including Vice President of Alpha Omega Chapter, showcases my commitment to Sigma and to continue reshaping nursing on a global platform.

As a Senior Clinical Informatics Nurse for 11 years, the position combines two passions of mine, education and technology. My nursing background spans 20+ years featuring management, Emergency Room, PACU, and the Float pool in public and private institutions across diverse, culturally underserved populations. To quickly summarize my education, it started with an RN degree from the College of Staten Island followed by a BSN from SUNY Downstate, MSN in Nurse Executive from Long Island University, Post-Graduate Certificate in Informatics from the University of Phoenix, and currently am enrolled in a Nurse Educator Post-Graduate Certificate program, to pave the way to academia.

Fourteen years as an Auxiliary member of the New York State Board for Nursing demonstrated how to drive change within nursing organizations and was a springboard to other opportunities. In addition to Vice-President, I serve on the Board of Directors of ANA-NY, Treasurer and Immediate Past-President for the Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island (NACLI), Treasurer of the ANIA Tri-State Chapter, and active membership in the Omicron

Delta and Psi Tau chapters of Sigma at the University of Phoenix and SUNY Downstate Medical Center, respectively.

These leadership roles at national, state, and local nursing association levels, as well as committee collaborating efforts on Nominating, Bylaws, Nursing Practice, and Ethics, to name a few, add to my level of prowess in this space and demonstrate both a willingness to volunteer and desire to transform the nursing community by seeking qualified candidates for a diverse ballot.

Some of my accomplishments across these various roles include supporting hearings in the New York State Board to ensure public safety and maintain the nursing professions' integrity with fairness to Registered Nurses and recognized for a GAPFON award in the last Sigma Biennial Convention as a result of collaboration on the Culture of Care committee within the Alpha Omega Chapter.

This educational underpinning, coupled with professional experiences, built a foundation for leadership and management interactions across my nursing career. The different points of view shaped the lens through which I practice nursing, all while infusing joy, a concept synonymous with Sigma.

I will end with my motto - "Strive to be better tomorrow than you are today," which displays my goal to encourage nurses to strive for greatness within Sigma and rise to the challenge of an elected position. Would you please cast your vote for Kimberly Velez, MSN, RN, for Leadership Succession Committee?