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REGIONAL CHAPTERS COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR (ELECT ONE)

Sigma GLOBAL NURSING EXCELLENCE

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Hello fellow Sigma chapter leaders and members, thank you for taking the time to read my candidate statement for Regional Coordinating Committee Chair. Serving as the Regional Coordinator for North American Region 7 (GA, SC, FL, PR), I have appreciated

assisting chapter leaders as they navigate changing times with multiple responsibilities while still creating engaging experiences for their members and communities. In this role and my past roles as a chapter leader (Past President, Vice President, and Leadership Succession Committee Chair), I uniquely understand how challenging it is to recruit and retain members within our Sigma chapters when leaders are limited on time, resources, and support. Witnessing this and appreciating how lost one can feel transitioning into a leadership role is why I am seeking to be the Chair of the Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee.

In my own experience as a Regional Coordinator, I acknowledge the difference in how I serve when I feel connected to a committed group of individuals who are there to support me with questions or concerns. Through my term as a Regional Coordinator, many of my fellow Regional Coordinators and I have remained close, reaching out, connecting, chatting, and supporting each other as we have sought to discover new ways to support the leaders in our Regions. I want to see a Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee structure that supports each other, and thereby individual Regional Coordinators are better equipped to assist the chapter leaders in their region. Ultimately, Sigma leaders need a Regional Coordinating Committee that is poised to encourage chapter leaders at any level to positively enhance the leader's personal Sigma experience as well as the chapter members they serve.

I know that some will read this and have no clue what a Regional Coordinator is and may not know the name of your coordinator. My goal is to change that experience by enhancing the visibility and connectivity of the Regional Coordinators with the leaders they volunteer to serve and increase the connectivity of the Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee to each other. Through thoughtful media pushes, I hope you will know who your coordinator is before the end of the 2021 year, maybe not because you have spoken to them, but because you have seen something with their face and name attached to it. Then, along with the wonderful returning Regional Coordinators and dedicated Sigma staff, I will help mentor and coach our newest Regional Coordinators through their first year of service. I know in my heart that the role of the Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee is vital to the chapter leader and, ultimately, the Sigma members' experience. Therefore, if selected, I am dedicated to creating a structure to support and highlight these Regional Coordinators so that Sigma leaders know who they can reach for encouragement and ideas as you, the leader, strive to create an experience that your members value. Thank you for your time, your service to Sigma, and enjoy your conference!