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THE Heritage Society

SIGMA FOUNDATION FOR NURSING **NEWSLETTER**

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The Dorothy Brooten Permanent Fund Established

Dr. Brooten established the Dorothy Brooten Permanent Fund to award a small nursing research grant because she knows small grants are essential in developing science and nurse scientists. In her words, “These grants provide direction for further research, provide investigators with confidence that others believe in their research, and provide opportunities to pilot methods, problem-solve hurdles, develop teams, work with institutional review boards, and publish and present study results.”

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You Are Invited

Heritage Society Dinner and Auction

The next Heritage Society Dinner and Silent Auction will be at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA during the 46th Biennial Convention in 2021. We will be celebrating Sigma’s 100th anniversary. More details will be shared later.

Please consider donating good quality items for the silent auction that takes place in conjunction with the dinner. You can contact Nikki Aleman at nikki@sigmanursing.org if you have items that you want to donate.

New Heritage Society Donors

We gratefully recognize the newest Heritage Society donors who’ve made their commitment to support nursing worldwide.

Pillar Society



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News About Fellows

Jose Alejandro earned his CNE certification, and he received The American Association of Men in Nursing's 2020 Luther Christman Award.

Robin Bartlett is serving on the Sigma Building Corporation Board of Directors (2019-2021).

Diane Billings received the Indiana University School of Nursing Bicentennial Medal on 16 November 2020.

Mary Lou Bond co-published *Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Embracing the Past and Welcoming the Future*. This book outlines the founding of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Sigma and the history of Texas Christian University (TCU) since the original history was published in 1973. She spoke at the October induction of new members. Her presentation, *Indianapolis, Fort Worth, and World: A Three Act Play*, detailed the history of Sigma in Indianapolis and at TCU.

Marion Broome received the Indiana University School of Nursing Bicentennial Medal on 16 November 2020.

Karen Brown retired as of 1 July from University of New Mexico College of Nursing, where she was the MSN-Education Concentration Coordinator. Her nursing career has spanned from 1977 to 2020. Her educational focus has been on teaching patients and families, teaching students, and fostering empathy (the affective domain's learning experience for undergraduate students).

Cathy Catrambone completed her term as Chair of the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel for the American Academy of Nursing and the Executive Steering Committee of the Sigma Global Advisory Panel of the Future of Nursing and Midwifery (GAPFON).

Rachel Choudhury was [recognized](#) with the Summer 2020 Robert L. Bailey Teaching Award.

Sylvia Colon Cabassa co-published *Using Video Monitoring With Video Technician Fall Prevention* in *The University of the Philippines Nursing Alumni Association International Nursing Journal*.

Rose Constantino was [inducted](#) into the American Nurses Association Nurse's Hall of Fame in May 2020. The book she co-authored, *Forensic Nursing*, has been translated into Japanese.

Norma Cuellar has been selected to be a Transcultural Nursing Scholar through the Transcultural Nursing Society.

Patricia Davidson has been [appointed](#) the next Vice-Chancellor at the University of Wollongong effective May 2021.

Holli DeVon was [inducted](#) into Sigma's International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in July.

Sue Haddock retired as the Director of Research at the Columbia VA Health Care System at the end of February 2020. She is serving as the Board Chair for the Dorn

Research Institute and as a Team Leader and Site Visitor for the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).

Judith Halstead received the Indiana University School of Nursing Bicentennial Medal on 16 November 2020.

Mary Rita Hurley was appointed by the Governor of Oregon as the Chair of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services.

Pam Jeffries received the Indiana University School of Nursing Bicentennial Medal on 16 November 2020. She was awarded the title of University of Maribor Faculty of Health Sciences Honorary Visiting Professor.

Peggy Jenkins was appointed Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs at the University of Colorado College of Nursing. She received National League for Nursing certification as Nurse Educator.

Sarah Marshall is an American Nurses Association (ANA) New York Director-at-Large. She was re-elected to the Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island, NY (NACLI) Board of Directors, and she is on the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead Board of Directors. She is recognized as a Pacesetter for raising funds in the fight against breast cancer from the American Cancer Society.

Angela Barron McBride received the Indiana University School of Nursing Bicentennial Medal on 16 November 2020.

Anna McDaniel received the Indiana University School of Nursing Bicentennial Medal on 16 November 2020.

Shannon Perry and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 3 October.

Dan Pesut will retire from his faculty position at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing effective 25 January 2021.

Tim Porter-O'Grady received the American Academy of Nursing President's Award in October 2019, and he was [inducted](#) into the American Nurses Association Nurse's Hall of Fame in May 2020.

Suzanne Prevost is serving as the Chair of the Sigma Building Corporation Board of Directors (2019-2021).

Jennifer Robinson retired from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) where she was the Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship at UMMC School of

Nursing. She will continue to teach select classes for the PhD in Nursing program, serve as a consultant for funded research studies, and mentor junior faculty and PhD students as needed.

Jean Shinnors was [inducted](#) to the American Academy of Nursing 2020 Class of Fellows in October.

Larry Slater was [inducted](#) to the American Academy of Nursing 2020 Class of Fellows in October.

Enna Trevathan is now the [Associate Dean](#) for the School of Nursing and Allied Health at Gavilan College.

Stephanie Turrise received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of University of North Carolina University Wilmington College of Health & Human Services School of Nursing where she was hired as Interim Associate Director for Administration effective 1 August. She was elected as a Fellow in the American Heart Association.

Billy Valdes shared that [RNtoMSN.org](#) recognized Miami Dade College as the 8th Most Affordable School offering online RN to BSN programs out of over 500 schools.

Nancy M. Valentine joined the Rutgers University School of Nursing Dean's Committee. A scholarship in her name has been funded for graduate work in psychiatric and mental health/substance abuse nursing. She completed a two-year interim chair role at Northern Illinois University where she funded a recognition program to encourage undergraduate nursing students to enter the field of psychiatric nursing.

Theresa Valiga is the [recipient](#) of the 2020 R. Louise McManus Medal from the Nursing Education Alumni Association.

Joachim Voss will be a visiting professor at Taiwan Medical University School of Nursing.

Bob Wilkinson is a Luther Christman Fellow of the American Association for Men in Nursing (AAMN). He has retired from his full-time position as a nurse practitioner but will work locally part-time. He will run his business, RM Wilkinson Consulting. He is the vice president of the Iota Chapter at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and is heading their plans to become an at-large chapter by adding Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia.

Foundation News



Supporting Nurse Researchers and Developing Leaders

Champion Nyoni—a recent inductee and 2020 Emerging Nurse Researcher Award Recipient—is continuing his research and leadership journey with support from you and other Sigma Foundation for Nursing donors. In 2017, he received a research grant to overcome education challenges midwives in Lesotho were facing as they worked to decrease maternal and child mortality rates. Champion's attendance at Sigma's first virtual meeting—the 31st International Nursing Research Congress—was also supported by the Foundation. These grants help developing nurse leaders needed now and in the future.

[Read Champion's story »](#)



Sigma's Small Grants Help Combine Clinical Experience and Research Training

Our Small Research Grant program often serves as a starting point for a larger body of study and can help bridge the gap between clinical and academia. In the last fiscal year, Mia Cajita was selected to receive funding to implement her study to find self-care intervention for heart failure patients. “While this study is a product of my nursing experience, it is also the beginning of the next leg of my nursing journey.”

The next round of Sigma Small Research Grant recipients will be announced by May 2021.

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