

Theta Tau Scholar



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Congratulations Theta Tau Inductees!

March 29, 2003

The Theta Tau Induction Ceremony at GC&SU featured Dr. Pamela Levi as the guest speaker on "Careers of Distinction."

The following new members were inducted:

Undergraduate Students: Molly Andrews, Connie Averett, Leslie Brooks, Charles Cary, III, Ginger Crumbley, Katrina Foskey, Jakebar Foster, Patricia Harris, Jill Jackson, Kenya Johnson, Jennifer Joiner, Lauren Leskosky, Crystal Matthews, Cessalee Nichols, Sandra Norris, Erin O'Connell, Crystal Sherwood, Robert Thomas, Erma Wells, Donna Williams, and Caroline Young

Graduate Student: Laurie Johnson and Dana Wyatt

During the ceremony the following members were honored:

- ❖ Molly Andrews - "Highest Academic Award"
- ❖ Sandra Copeland - "Outstanding Officer"
- ❖ Cindy Jackson & Kim Mancin - "Outstanding Member"

View pictures at: <http://www.angelfire.com/ga3/thetatau/>

Next Theta Tau Meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 6:00 PM at the Olive Garden in Macon.

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Pamela Levi University Scholarship for Nurses (PLUS-N)

Announced at Theta Tau Induction Ceremony

The PLUS-N Fund, a University Scholarship, was announced during the Theta Tau Induction on March 29, 2003. The scholarship originated with the nursing faculty as an honor to Dr. Levi for her outstanding accomplishments for nursing and nursing students. The scholarship will be awarded each year at the GC&SU Honors Day Ceremony to a deserving nursing student.

Theta Tau recognized Dr. Levi's leadership with a framed memento of the scholarship and a plaque to be hung in the School of Health Sciences designating the student recipients of the PLUS-N scholarship. Theta Tau also contributed to the scholarship fund.

CPR Fundraiser Classes

The Chapter conducted two classes for nursing students— June 13th at HCA in Macon and June 20th at GC&SU. Fifteen students participated in the classes in preparation for their nursing classes in the fall.

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• **The 14th International Nursing Research Congress: Celebrating Global Diversity in Research, Education and Practice** is scheduled for July 10-12, 2003 in St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands. Submission deadline is November 5, 2002. A special two-part symposium in collaboration with the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) will be featured.
• See suggested topics and submission guidelines or submit abstracts online at: http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/INRC_call.html
• Also submit abstracts for the International Evidence-Based Practice Preconference "Evidence-Based Practice: Strategies and Success in Clinical Implementation" on July 9, 2003.
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President's Message

It was wonderful that so many of our new members could join us for our April Theta Tau meeting. We had an excellent attendance and were able to welcome each member to Theta Tau personally. A special "Thank You" to Jeanne Sewell for sharing a collage of pictures from the Initiation ceremony with us.

As we enter the Summer of 2003, we should all be thinking about where we want Theta Tau to move this year. In July, at our meeting, we will look at new officers for 2004-2006. If you are willing to serve, please email me (mjohnson@mail.gcsu.edu) or Pam Levi (pamlevi@bellsouth.net), Nominations Committee chair. Opportunities abound for leadership positions in Theta Tau. Remember, the best way to get to know an organization is to "jump right in" and become one of the leaders. You were chosen for membership because you are nursing leaders who have and are excelling in your chosen areas of expertise. Please share your talents with Theta Tau. Our Initiation ceremony in March brought many new graduates with talents to both our chapter and the Sylvia Bond Leadership Institute for mentoring in their new career as registered nurses. All of us need to support and encourage our new registered nurses as they enter the profession.

The past year has been memorable for all of us. The Nursing Faculty at GC & SU School of Health Sciences initiated the Pamela Levi University Scholarship for Nursing (PLUS-N) and Theta Tau was able to contribute to this to acknowledge the many ways Dr. Levi has supported Theta Tau Chapter as well as Sigma Theta Tau International. The scholarship fund reached the initial goal and scholarships will be awarded beginning in the Fall of 2004. Our job as supporters is not done. We must work with the Nursing Faculty to continue to financially support this endeavor. Rebecca Corvey and I as well as a couple of other members are making plans to attend the Sigma Theta Tau International Conference in Toronto, Canada in November 2003. If you can, please see if you can at least attend for a day or two. My greatest insight into what Sigma Theta Tau means came when I attended my first International conference. Not only was I able to meet many of the nursing leaders but also I was able to gain knowledge of successes and problems other chapters across the world were experiencing. The networking and workshops offered at these conferences allow one to bring many new ideas back to their local chapters. Information on this conference may be found at the Sigma Theta Tau website: www.nursingsociety.org or in your "Reflections on Nursing Leadership" journal for second quarter 2003.

A sincere "WELCOME" to all our new members as well as members who are able to re-join our chapter. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 17, 2003 at the Olive Garden restaurant in Macon. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please come and bring another member with you. May all of you have a safe and fun summer! ❖ Margie

Associate Dean's Corner

We are encouraged by the number of qualified applicants to the undergraduate nursing program this year; fifty letters of acceptance for the fall 2003 nursing class have been mailed, leaving 62 qualified students on the waiting list. Additionally, springfest, a recent occasion for prospective students, brought so many health science majors and families to the School that we did not have a large enough room to seat all of them.

The 21st annual pinning ceremony for the professional nursing programs at GC&SU honored the BSN Class of 2003 on May 2nd. Several awards were presented to deserving students:

- Outstanding Major Department of Adult & Gerontological Health - Molly Andrews
- Outstanding Major Department of Family Health – Andrea

Taylor-Jones

- Outstanding Major Department of Health Systems and Informatics – Leigh Hamilton
- School Contribution Award - Andrea Taylor -Jones

Sixty-five BSN students received diplomas on May 3rd at the University's 116th Commencement Ceremony. Eleven MSN students also graduated: two in nursing administration, one in adult health, and nine from the FNP program option.

We are excited to announce the Nursing Education Certificate program option for those who want to teach in academic settings, staff education, or patient education programs. This option includes four courses: Designing Educational Programs for Nursing, Implementing Educational Programs for Nursing, Integrating Technology in the Health Science Educator Role, and Evaluating Educational Programs for Nursing. Students interested in learning more about the educator role may enroll as post-baccalaureate or post-MSN students or take these courses as part of their MSN education. Preparation as a college teacher of nursing is particularly compelling to many students who appreciate that there is a critical shortage of nursing faculty in the country. By 2010, there is an expectation the shortage will be so acute that many nursing programs will be forced to close.

Dr. Jan Andrews, the International Liaison for the School of Health Sciences, is currently in Ireland arranging an international exchange for nursing students; later in the summer, Mrs. Flor Culpa-Bondal travels to the Philippines to attempt to establish an exchange program there. These opportunities will be in addition to the existing exchange options between our programs either with Australia or England.

The faculty is pleased to announce the addition of Donna Thompson, RN, MSN to the Department of Adult & Gerontologic Health and to congratulate Dr. Debbie Clark on her recent doctoral degree from Georgia State University. ❖ Cheryl

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Please send any items you wish to be published in the
newsletter to...Cindy Jackson at ckjackso@dhr.state.ga.us
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Sylvia Bond Leadership Dinner and Induction

The annual Sylvia Bond Leadership (SBL) mentor-mentee dinner and induction program was held on March 27, 2003 at the City Club in Macon. The program featured Lavonne Harn as the keynote speaker.

The following new members were inducted:

Senior Level Inductees: Mary Frazier, Julia Gould, Esther Hill, Linda Holland, Ella Milner, Linda O'Donnell, Pamela O'Neal, Nancy Umberhandt, Margaret Zimmerman, Lynn Waits, and Mary Wysochansky

Mid-Career Level Inductees: Bertha Ashley, Dianne Bannister, Timothy Bushey, Sarah Kay Brooks, Carolyn Campbell, Julie Clark, Leslie Culpepper, Kwanghee Davis, Cathy Duke, Tracy Garber, Jan Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Cynthia Loudin, Jana Tanner, Noreen Trentadue, Sharon Tribel, and Debbie Underwood

New Graduate Student Inductees: Leslie Brooks, Patricia Harris, Jill Jackson, Crystal Tarpley Mathews, Sandra Norris, Crystal Sherwood, and Robert Thomas.

❖ Congratulations Inductees!!

STTI Convention in Toronto

November, 2003

The Theta Tau Chapter delegates this year are Margie Johnson and Becky Corvey. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for their willingness to attend the convention and look forward to their report of events when they return.

❖ Look for details about the convention in a future issue.

For endorsements to the PLUS-N scholarship, contact Vickie Brown
Vbrown@gcsu.edu

Maidana Nunn: 50th Year Anniversary

On Friday, August 9, 2002, ten classmates, including Maidana Nunn, joined to celebrate their 50th anniversary of graduation from the Macon Hospital School of nursing (Medical Center of Central Georgia). What an accumulation of brainpower and experience! We were graduates of a hospital school of nursing. The only college of nursing in 1949 was Emory University--a five-year program. Our class was taught to put in foley catheters and to start intravenous fluids. We were a cheap source of labor for hospitals. After our six-month probation period, we began working the evening and night shifts, and rarely worked a day shift.

Our class was the first to come to the Milledgeville State Hospital for a 90-day affiliation in psychiatric nursing. Prior to this psychiatry had been by lecture with a one-day field trip to the state hospital.

We had fun reminiscing about our trials and tribulations and our survival instincts. We have made our contributions to the nursing profession and we have enjoyed our hands on bedside nursing experiences.

❖ Maidana

Note: Maidana completed her psychiatric/mental health doctorate degree in 1971 and retired from Central State Hospital with 34 years of service. She is currently working part-time at Central State Hospital and is a member of the Theta Tau Newsletter Committee.

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Special Notes:

Congratulations to.... Amanda Hudson who recently completed her MSN at GC&SU.

Congratulations Rebecca Weathersby! On the birth of her second child, Caroline Rebecca. She was born on January 23, 2003 and weighed in at 7 lbs, 1 oz.

Congratulations Susan Darby! On the birth of her baby girl, Grace Ann Darby. She was born on February 15, 2003 and weighed in at 7 lbs, 9 oz.

Congratulations Amy Todd! On the birth of her baby girl, Virginia Grace Todd. She was born on December 2, 2002 and weighed in at 6 lbs, 6 oz.

In memory of ... We would like to remember these valued members of our honor society. We shall miss their contributions to our profession.

◆ *Hazel Pooler, RN*

◆ *Rose Elese Robertson, RN*

◆ *Joan Scott, RN*

We would like to extend our sympathy... to Sylvia Rozier for the death of her husband on April 17th.

Thank you to.... Maidana Nunn for her contribution of \$20.00 to Theta Tau in memory of Hazel Pooler and Rose Elese Robertson.

Thank you to.... MCCG who sponsored a free car wash for nurses on May 17, 2003.

/ Please note that Contributions may be made to the Scholarship Fund by contacting Alice Loper at aloper@mail.gcsu.edu

Theta Tau Chapter Web Site

You can access the Theta Tau web site through the GC&SU School of Health Sciences Home Page at:

<http://www.angelfire.com/ga3/thetatau/> The Theta Tau Scholar is also available at this site, so be sure you add this site as a bookmark and visit often. The Sigma Theta Tau International web site is located at the following URL:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org>

Note: Pictures from the Theta Tau Induction can be viewed at the Theta Tau web site:

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If you have a change in your name or address, please notify Sigma Theta Tau International. This can be done on-line at www.nursingsociety.org. Also notify Margie Johnson via e-mail at mjohnson@mail.gcsu.edu or Pam O'Neal at POneal@mail.MaconState.edu

WOULD YOU LIKE TO...

- ❖ Run for an office? Contact Dr. Pamela Levi: pamlevi@bellsouth.net
- ❖ Nominate someone as a community member for membership in the Theta Tau Chapter? Contact Counselors: Lynn Waits: lwaits@mail.gcsu.edu or Vickie Brown: vbrown@mail.gcsu.edu
- ❖ Join a committee? Contact Margie Johnson: mjohnson@mail.gcsu.edu



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY THETA TAU MEETINGS

OLIVE GARDEN IN MACON AT 6:00 PM
JULY 17TH

37TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
NOVEMBER 1-5, 2003
DELEGATES: MARGIE JOHNSON & BECKY CORVEY

FUNDRAISER CPR CLASS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY, MILLEDGEVILLE
JUNE 20, 2003 FROM 8:30 AM
COLISEUM PARK HOSPITAL, MACON
JUNE 13, 2003 FROM 8:30 AM
COST: \$45.00 DUE TO ALICE LOPER ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS

ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSING WORKSHOP

PRESENTER: MARJORIE FITZGERALD
OCTOBER 18, 2003

14TH INTERNATIONAL NURSING RESEARCH CONGRESS

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
JULY 10-12, 2003

HEALTH OCCUPATION CONGRESS

June 20, 2003 in Atlanta
Judges needed; if interested contact Sandra Copeland or
Amanda Hudson.

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