President’s Message

Hello everyone,

I am excited to serve in the role as Pi Kappa’s President this year. I feel we have had a great start to the 2018-2019 school year. We have been fulfilling our commitment to service this year with several community service projects.

Pi Kappa and Allen Student Nurses Association worked together to make Tie Blankets for The Salvation Army.

The chapter also made hygiene kits for the Women’s and Children’s Shelter this year. This project was new for Pi Kappa and we were all excited with the amount of kits we were able to make for the shelter.

Another new and fun project that members of Pi Kappa were involved in was a Quarter Drive. Nursing Students at Allen College competed amongst each other with a goal of raising as many quarters as they could for the House of Hope.

I am also proud of Pi Kappa’s commitment to scholarship and lifelong learning this year. For our Fall Continuing Education Event, we were able to have a nurse from our community speak about the Opioid Epidemic. I am excited for the Spring Continuing Education Event and Induction of new members.

I look forward to continuing Pi Kappa’s commitment to service, research, and scholarship this year and into the 2019-2020 school year which will be Pi Kappa’s 20th year as a chapter of Sigma at Allen College.

Sincerely,

Allison Stone
Terri Taylor, RN Presents CEU
“Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence”

Pi Kappa hosted its fall CEU for current members, Allen College faculty, and students on October 18, 2018. The event was held at Allen College. Terri’s presentation included information on the historical significance of substance abuse treatment options, current impact of the opioid crisis, medication assisted treatments, and other pharmaceutical treatment options.

Quarter Drive Competition

During the month of November, Pi Kappa held a quarter drive competition between the Allen College nursing cohorts. 313 quarters were collected and donated to the House of Hope in Waterloo. These quarters were available to the residents for use of the laundromat. Out of the nursing cohorts the first semester accelerated students came out on top with a total collection of 106 quarters.

Honor Cords for Sale

Pi Kappa has honor cords for sale to members. The cost is $20. Honor cords are worn by students and faculty during graduation ceremonies. To purchase honor cords, contact Alisha.Engel@AllenCollege.edu.

Cords may also be purchased directly from STTI’s subsidiary, Nursing Knowledge International: http://www.nursingknowledge.org/honor-cord.html
Pi Kappa Blanket Making and Care Packages

On October 1, Pi Kappa partnered with Allen College Student Nurses Association (ASNA) to make fleece blankets to donate to the Salvation Army. With the help of 18 nursing students, 20 blankets were made and delivered to those in need at the Salvation Army!

Pi Kappa also collected supplies to put together hygiene care kits. Items included things such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, Kleenex, and other self-care items. A total of 50 kits were put together and delivered to the Women’s & Children’s Emergency Shelter.
Pi Kappa Inducts 3 BSN and 21 MSN Students as New Members

Pi Kappa welcomed the following new BSN members in October of 2018 and MSN members in December 2018.

**BSN Student Inductees**
- Stephanie Clements
- Jennifer Shimp
- Alexandra Hennings

**MSN Student Inductees** (continued)
- Micaela Rahm
- Brittania Schoon
- Jo-el Sprecher
- Audrey Watkins
- Chelsea Wright
- Chelsey Zitelman
- Sonya Dunn
- Allyson Wolcott
- Nicole Nielsen
- Nicole Wurzer
- Ashley DeGeeter
- Jan Davis

Pi Kappa Entering 20th Year as a Sigma Theta Tau International Chapter

The year 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the Pi Kappa Chapter’s charter with Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). It is no small feat to become an STTI chapter. Several dedicated Allen College leaders worked for several years to lay the groundwork for the charter application.

It all began on May 15, 1996, when Dr. Kathryn Schweer, who at the time was Dean of Academic Affairs at Allen College, convened a small group of people interested in establishing a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International at Allen College. The guidelines for establishing a chapter were reviewed, and the group decided to become a Steering Committee for the Allen College Nursing Honor Society (ACNHS).

The ACNHS completed the work necessary for submission of charter application in September 1998. The application was followed by an evaluation visit by Dr. Ruth Marcott from STTI in April 1999. Following Dr. Marcott’s visit and recommendation, the ACNHS was approved by the STTI Board of Directors to present a petition for charter to the House of Delegates.

The petition for charter was approved by the House of Delegates at the STTI Biennial Convention November 6-10, 1999. The petition was presented by Mary Thoms, President, and Mary Brown, President-Elect. The ACNHS was officially chartered as Pi Kappa #392 Chapter, STTI on March 27, 2000.

Shop AmazonSmile and Support our Chapter!

AmazonSmile is operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features. The difference is when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice.

To shop, locate the AmazonSmile website and choose Sigma Theta Tau International Inc. You will then need to choose the Waterloo, Iowa chapter as your choice of charitable organization.

Happy shopping!

The Circle
The professional networking site of Sigma Theta Tau International
Sign in at https://nursingsociety.connectedcommunity.org/home
Pi Kappa CEU Event and Spring Induction
April 26, 2019
McBride Auditorium, Allen College

- 12-12:30 p.m.: Pi Kappa New Member Induction.
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Continuing Education Program (free CEUs)
- 1:30-1:45 p.m.: Light Refreshments

RSVP to Jackie Jaspers at Jacalyn.Jaspers@allencollege.edu by Friday, April 19, 2019

Pi Kappa Service for Spring 2019
Cedar Valley Heart Walk

Pi Kappa will be participating in the Cedar Valley Heart walk again this spring. The event will take place on June 1 starting at 9 a.m. This will be located at the Mudd Advertising Campus in Cedar Falls, Iowa. If you are interested in participating as part of our team, please contact any of the Pi Kappa board members.

Student Luncheon/Organization Fair

On February 5th Allen College Student Services provided a back to school lunch for Allen College students. During the lunch, different organizations within Allen College had the opportunity to display information about their organization. Pi Kappa was represented and students stopped by to ask questions. This was a great opportunity to bring awareness to Pi Kappa and the importance it has to the nursing profession.

Pi Kappa Participates in The Chapter Giving Club

Our chapter was selected to be part of the Chapter Giving Club. Our Pi Kappa chapter will be donating $126 to the Future Global Initiatives. The primary focus of this initiative for the past few years has been the Maternal-Child Health Nurse Leadership Academy in Africa and GAPFON. For more information on this global initiative, the links are provided below.

Maternal-Child Health Nurse Leadership Academy in Africa and GAPFON.
PI Kappa Membership

Eligibility

Pre-Licensure BSN Students
- 50% of nursing curriculum completed
- GPA of ≥3.0
- Ranks in the upper 35th percentile of the graduating class

RN-BSN Students
- 12 credit hours at current school completed
- 50% of the nursing curriculum completed
- GPA of ≥3.0
- Ranks in the upper 35th percentile of the graduating class

MSN Student and Nurse Leader Eligibility
- Licensed RN
- Minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field
- Demonstrated achievement in nursing (e.g., administration, education, global health, practice, publication, research)

Note: in addition to the stated criteria, students must meet the expectation of academic integrity.

For information about student and nurse leader member eligibility, go to http://www.nursingsociety.org/why-stti/stti-membership

Candidates requiring financial assistance may be eligible for the Edith Anderson Membership Subsidy. For information, go to http://www.nursingsociety.org/why-stti/stti-membership/edith-anderson-membership-subsidy

Nominate a Nurse Leader for Pi Kappa Membership

Pi Kappa continuously recruits nurse leaders for membership. Licensed RNs with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field who have demonstrated achievement in nursing administration, education, global health, clinical practice, publication, or research should consider applying for membership. Current Pi Kappa members can recommend candidates who meet the criteria for induction as a nurse leader. Candidates can access eligibility criteria and an application form on the Sigma Theta Tau International website: http://www.nursingsociety.org/why-stti/stti-membership/apply-now/nurse-leader-membership-criteria

Completed applications can be mailed to Teresa Anderson or Jackie Meyer: Allen College, 1825 Logan Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa 50703.

Questions about Pi Kappa nurse leader membership should be directed to Teresa.anderson@AllenCollege.edu or Jacqueline.Meyer@allencollege.edu

Pi Kappa Financial Report
Submitted by Gina Tenge

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