

# Sigma Theta Tau International Pi Kappa Chapter Scholarship

<b>Amount:</b>	\$500 for each award
<b># Offered:</b>	Two per year
<b>Deadline:</b>	Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application
<b>Established:</b>	2002
<b>Special Criteria:</b>	One BSN student and one MSN student.

On May 15, 1996, Dr. Kathryn Schweer, 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 enthusiastically decided to become a Steering Committee for the Allen College Nursing Honor Society. (ACNHS)

Allen College Nursing Honor Society held four induction ceremonies, inducting a total of 135 persons composed of the student body, alumni, community leaders and faculty members. The Allen College Nursing Honor Society completed the work necessary for submission of charter application in September 1998. This was followed by an evaluation visit by Dr. Ruth Marcott from Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in April 1999. Following Dr. Marcott's visit and recommendation, Allen College Nursing Honor Society was approved by Sigma Theta Tau International Board of Directors for presentation of our petition for charter to the House of Delegates.

The petition for charter was approved by the House of Delegates at the Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention November 6-10, 1999. Presenting the petition was Mary Thoms, President, and Mary Brown, President-Elect. Allen College's honor society conducted a chartering ceremony on March 27, 2000. The honor society was officially chartered as Pi Kappa #392 Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International on March 27, 2000.

Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide through increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. More than 250 million nurse scholars, stateside and abroad, have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, making it the second largest nursing organization in the world.

Students identified as attaining academic excellence and leadership will receive lifetime induction into the Society. Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students, who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to community leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. Undergraduate eligibility consists of having a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and being in the top 35% of the class. Graduate students must have a GPS of 3.5 or above. Community members are inducted as nurse leaders, who are registered nurses, legally recognized to practice in their country with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field and have demonstrated achievement in nursing.

In 2002, the Pi Kappa Chapter began offering this scholarship for to qualified individuals. The purpose in establishing this scholarship is to recognize outstanding qualified nursing students who will advance knowledge in the area of nursing science and practice.