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President's Message



Greetings! So glad to introduce myself as the current President of Sigma Theta Tau – Pi Kappa Chapter! I want to start by saying thank you to all my fellow Pi Kappa members for your hard work, organization, and creative ideas for the last year! A nursing organization is only as productive and vital as its members – and you all are an inspiration!

We were excited to bring back the fall finals Flo Jo's tables of snacks for all the hard-working students here at Allen College! We were overflowing with donations, had great faculty volunteers to supervise each day, and are forever grateful for the support of administration!

Our Induction Ceremony for new Pi Kappa Chapter members was held April 19 at 4 p.m. We combined the BSN and MSN Inductions for the first time this spring and are excited about bringing these two groups together! The ceremony took place in the McBride Auditorium, and we encouraged all current and former members to come and welcome these students into Sigma!

We love to hear from our members and hope you will take the time to send us a note about how you are doing! Please send us updates about your work as a nurse, changes in positions, accomplishments in and out of nursing, and any plans for school!

With warm wishes,

Jennifer Coleman, MSN, RN, CNE

Pi Kappa Annual Business Meeting

May 2, 2023
5 p.m.

Virtual Event on Microsoft Teams

Please RSVP to Jennifer Coleman at Jennifer.Coleman@allencollege.edu for a link to join the meeting.

Honor Cords for Sale

Pi Kappa has honor cords for sale to members. The cost is \$25. Honor cords are worn by students and faculty during graduation ceremonies. To purchase honor cords, contact Gina.Tenge@AllenCollege.edu



Cords may also be purchased directly from STTI's subsidiary, Nursing Knowledge International: <http://www.nursingknowledge.org/honor-cord.html>



The Circle

The professional networking site of Sigma Theta Tau International

Is your membership current? How about your contact information?

To renew your membership and update your profile, sign into the My Membership portion of the STTI website: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/MyMembership/Pages/mymembership.aspx>

Pi Kappa Blanket Making for Salvation Army

On September 12, Pi Kappa partnered with Allen College Student Nurses Association (ASNA) to make fleece blankets to donate to the Salvation Army. With the help of nursing students and faculty, 15 blankets were made and delivered to those in need at the Salvation Army! Thank you to all who helped!



Pi Kappa Awards Two Scholarships

Each spring Pi Kappa sponsors two \$500 scholarships for nursing students, one for an undergraduate student and one for a graduate student. This year's recipients are Kathryn Goemaat, BSN student and Nina Jackson, MSN student. They are pictured here with the Pi Kappa Chapter President, Jennifer Coleman



Pi Kappa Undergraduate & Graduate Spring Induction was held on April 19, 2023 at McBride Auditorium Allen College

Videos of the Live Stream can be viewed on Allen College's Facebook Page

Pi Kappa Blanket Making for Allen Child Protection Center

In April 2022, Pi Kappa made and delivered fleece blankets for clients served by the Allen Child Protection Center. Eight blankets were made and delivered to the Child Protection Center. Thank you to all who helped!



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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!



Flo's Jo Study Treats

Every fall semester, members of Pi Kappa chapter, faculty and staff at Allen College provide an assortment of baked goods, fruits, and snacks for Allen College students during finals week. Students really appreciate this service from our chapter. Thank you to all who donated items that were available to students and to the faculty who helped prepare the snack table each day.



Pi Kappa Inducts 23 BSN, 18 MSN & DNP Students as New Members

Pi Kappa welcomed the following new BSN and MSN members in 2022.

BSN Student Inductees

- Liza Brenneman
- Kaitlyn Fox
- Lydia Ketter
- Hanna Kramer
- Jozi McCoy
- Katie Rueber
- Carley Schmit
- Heather Spaulding
- Kacie Vandeventer
- Jennifer Wheatley
- Ali Arndt
- Erin Bahrenfuss
- Baylee Beadle
- Tyler Geopfert
- Alyssa Hamilton
- Erin Hashman
- Hannah Jacobsen
- Hanna Jones
- Elizabeth Loney
- Amber Rosenstiel
- Una Samardzic
- Ellie Smith
- Mya Ulrich



MSN & DNP Student Inductees

- Courtney McKinley
- Jenna Miller
- Kelsey M Ranshaw
- Jennifer Schrandt
- Linh Nguyen
- Courtney Shimp
- Kaitlyn Totten
- Jena Weissenburger
- Amanda Anson
- Emily Clinton
- Courtney McKinley
- Jenna Miller
- Emily Miller
- Bobbi Jones
- Jill Koele
- Molly Lewis
- Jennifer McGee
- Samantha Zubak



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>

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Pi Kappa Financial Report

Submitted by
Gina Tenge

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| Balance as of 10/25/22 | \$5,583.91 |
| Income | |
| Membership Dues | 0.00 |
| Total Income | 0.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Allen College BSN Induction | \$27.25 |
| Allen College MSN Induction | \$8.58 |
| Total Expenses | \$35.83 |
| Balance in checking | \$5,548.08 |
| NEA Fund | \$5.06 |

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
Allison Stone
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1825 Logan Avenue
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Questions about Pi Kappa nurse leader membership should be directed to Allison.Stone2@allencollege.edu or Kristen.Jasper@allencollege.edu