

Alpha Eta Society NEWSLETTER

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“So... You Want to Work in Healthcare.”

Northern Illinois University held its Alpha Eta initiation ceremony on April 22. See related story on Page 4.



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Pictured above are faculty and student initiates.



Dietetics Program faculty member Judith Younginger (l) accepts certificate from NIU Chapter President Sharon Miller.



Pictured above are Executive Council and guest speaker Phil Eaton. They are (l-r) Lucy Robinson, Sharon Miller, Phil Eaton, Sharon Skala, Sharon Hollister, and Jeanne Isabel.

President's Message

Greetings to Alpha Eta colleagues,

I can't think of a better way to stay cool here in the Philadelphia heat than to contemplate the coolness of Norfolk, Virginia, during October where we will celebrate the accomplishments of some of our local chapters, acknowledge the leadership of the recipient of the Rodenberg Award for 2001, and meet the new national officers including Mary Pat Wolford-Wessels, who will assume the Presidency. The annual meeting of Alpha Eta will be held on Thursday morning, October 11 from 7:30 to 9:00. Since our meeting is held in conjunction with the fall conference for the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, registration information for the Alpha Eta breakfast is included in ASAHP's conference information. Anyone interested in attending Alpha Eta's breakfast but not going to the ASAHP meeting should contact either Lee Holder or me for particulars.

This year for the first time, our Board of Directors voted to co-sponsor the poster session for the ASAHP meeting. This will bring greater visibility to the Society as well as to those of its members who are presenting posters. The reception for the poster session participants will be Thursday evening. Stop in if you are in the area.

The Society has an additional opportunity for visibility with our two-year college colleagues. This year the annual meeting of ASAHP is being held on the same time and place as the annual meeting for the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges. In fact on October 11th there will be a few programs in common. An invitation is going out to the members of the National Network who are also members of Alpha Eta to join us at breakfast. In addition, opportunity will be provided for us at their conference to tell our story to their membership and remind them that as the national allied health honor society, we represent their membership as well as those of the four-year institutions. I have requested a complete membership list with contacts from the National Network so we can contact each member as well.

It's well into Annual Report time. Here is an opportunity for you to tell us the exciting activities in which your local chapter is involved. That information, with your permission of course, can then be disseminated to other chapters that might be looking for ideas they could adapt to their local setting. Further in this issue of the *Alpha Eta Society Newsletter* is a good example. At the very minimum, our national office needs the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the current chapter officers. Since the local officers often change, our records can be kept current only if we receive that information from you. Also the names of new chapter Presidents could be given to your regional coordinator so each can be in touch with the chapters in her or his region.

Alpha Eta is at a crossroads. With the regionalization now in place we can take the next steps toward branding our Society as the national honor society for all allied health professionals. Some regions that have geographical clusters of local chapters could plan joint activities among those chapters. Others could seek to expand their membership by inviting colleagues to join. Others may be able to combine Alpha Eta meetings with State Allied Health meetings.

I have enjoyed my tenure as President of Alpha Eta and greatly appreciate the support provided by Lee Holder and Vernice Browner from the National Office as well as each of the Directors on the Board.

Sincerely,



Willard Green
President

IRS Ruling

by Dr. Lee Holder, National Secretary/Treasurer

The Alpha Eta Honor Society has been informed by the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This also means that contributions to the Society are eligible as tax deductions from the contributions income tax. Our Employee Identification Number is 58-2407296.

We have also been notified that individual chapters have been designated as 501 C (6) organizations, also exempt from federal income tax. Individual chapters (referred to as "subordinates" by IRS) are not required to file income tax forms unless income exceeds \$25,000 per year, in which case they would have to fill Form 990.

We recommend that chapters having questions contact their legal counsel or finance office for clarification. If our national office can help, contact us at (405) 271-8001, ext. 43413.

2000 Rodenberg Award Winner

Linda King-Yoakum, Rehabilitation Sciences Graduate, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas was winner of the 2000 Rodenberg Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000, in recognition of her accomplishments. Congratulations.

Regional Coordinators

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Northeast Region

Dr. Joe Smey (University of Connecticut)
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Southwest Region

Dr. Gordon Green (University of Texas, Dallas)
(214) 648-1500

Northwest Region

Dr. Allan Hoffman (Des Moines University)
515.271.1650

Board of Directors Candidates

The following slate of officers is presented for membership approval by the Nominating Committee consisting of Susan Hanrahan, Chair (Arkansas State University, SW Region); David Gale (Eastern Kentucky University, SE Region); Margaret Warren (Rockland Community College, NE Region); Rich Oliver (University of Missouri-Columbia, SW Region); and Cheryl Samuels (Old Dominion University, NW Region).

PROPOSED

Vincent Gallicchio (2nd Term)
University of Kentucky
Southeast Region

Gordon Green (2nd Term)
University of Texas
Southwest Region

Mary Haven (1st Term)
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Northwest Region

Joe Smey (2nd Term)
University of Connecticut
Northeast Region

PRESENT

Vincent Gallicchio
University of Kentucky
Southeast Region

Gordon Green
University of Texas
Southwest Region

Susan Hanrahan
Arkansas State University
Southwest Region

Joe Smey
University of Connecticut
Northeast Region

Chapter Highlights:

Northern Illinois University - Sharon Skala,
Secretary/Treasurer

Seventeen new members were initiated into the Northern Illinois University Chapter of Alpha Eta Society on April 22, 2001. The initiation ceremony was part of the all-university Honors Day activities which took place on the NIU campus. Among those in attendance were members of the Boards of Directors for 2000-01, as well as initiates.

The Welcome was given by Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Skala from the School of Allied Health Professions. Board Member Sharon Hollister from the Department of Communicative Disorders gave the Philosophy and Mission Statement. Jeanne Isabel, Board Member from the School of Allied Health Professions gave the Charge to the Initiates. Phil Eaton, an NIU alum and the President/CEO of Rosecrance Health Network of Rockford, IL, gave the Keynote Address, entitled "So... You Want to Work in Health Care".

2000-2001* Initiates:

Armstrong Atlantic State University – 25

Baptist College of Health Sciences – 15

California State University – Dominguez Hills – 21

Community College of Baltimore – 20

Des Moines University – 50

Houston Community College System – 44

Louisiana State University – 29

MCP Hahnemann University – 36

Medical College of Georgia – 53

North Louisiana University – 17

Wichita State University - Nancy Brox, Past
President

In the past, we have honored an "Alpha Eta Student of the Month". Each department is given a month to designate students who have shown academic achievement, leadership skills and community involvement. The chosen students received a certificate of award and a gift certificate to the campus book store. A brief biography and photograph of each student honored is displayed for one month in a display case designated for Alpha Eta news. We plan to continue this activity.

On a sad note, one of our Physical Therapy faculty members and past Alpha Eta Chapter President, Susan Tork, passed away unexpectedly December 25, 1999. The chapter is investigating an endowed scholarship at our university in her honor.

Although our chapter has been somewhat inactive in the past few years, our College has just completed a strategic planning process. One strategic initiative is that of "Valuing Students." This will be the focus in planning events for the Chapter in the next year. We hope this dedication by the College to students will give new energy to the WSU Alpha Eta Chapter.

Rockland Community College - 17

St. Louis University – 20

SUNY at Stony Brook – 31

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center – 25

The George Washington University – 32

Thomas Jefferson University – 29

University of Alabama at Birmingham – 20

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – 29

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Old Dominion University - Lindsay Rettie, Past President

The Old Dominion University Alpha Eta Chapter conducted two major events during the academic year 2000-2001. During Allied Health Week, held in September 2000, the Chapter inducted 12 students and two faculty and one administrator. The induction ceremony also included a luncheon, sponsored by the College of Health Sciences.

In addition to the induction ceremony, a regular business meeting of the Chapter was held and the new inductees were encouraged and recruited to participate on committees. The disciplines represented by the inductees included Dental Hygiene, Environmental Health, Health Sciences, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Physical Therapy. The Old Dominion University Chapter of Alpha Eta focuses on research and the student members of the association formed a student organization recognized by the University.

While all faculty members, who are Alpha Eta members, attended the induction ceremony and annual business meeting, the student organization continued to hold student meetings throughout the academic year in preparation of the second major event sponsored by Alpha Eta held in March 2001. This annual event is the College of Health Sciences' Research Day at which over 20 poster presentations were displayed in conjunction with 17 platform presentations focusing on the research activities of faculty, students and alumni. There was an audience of over 150 in attendance at the College of Health Sciences' Research Day. The student members of Alpha Eta served as ambassadors and ushers in addition to being presenters. Prizes were awarded by the college for the best in show of the poster and platform presentation in each category. The winners of these awards received a plaque and a monetary award. In addition, their names are inscribed on a permanent plaque located in the Office of the Dean, College of Health Sciences at Old Dominion University. All of the students who were inducted during

the fall graduated in May or will graduate in August 2001.

The Old Dominion University Chapter of Alpha Eta has been in existence since 1985. Over the past 16 years, the Chapter has inducted 163 students and 27 faculty and faculty administrators for a total of 190 inductees. Of the 27 faculty and faculty administrators inducted over the 16-year period, 22 are still active at Old Dominion University and attend Alpha Eta meetings on a regular basis.

The on-going focus of the Old Dominion University Chapter of Alpha Eta will continue to be on scholarship with students and faculty promoting, assisting and engaging in the annual college research day in March. The induction of new Alpha Eta members will be held in conjunction with the first annual meeting of Alpha Eta to be held during Allied Health Week in November 2001. Alpha Eta faculty, students and alumni will be present and assisting with the annual conference of ASAHP in Norfolk, October 10-13, 2001. It is anticipated that there will be a good representation of Old Dominion University Alpha Eta members at the Alpha Eta breakfast meeting on October 11.

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2000-2001 Initiates (cont'd):

University of Connecticut – 17

University of Kentucky – 65

University of Missouri – 13

University of Nebraska Medical Center – 14

University of Oklahoma – 16

University of South Alabama – 44

University of Tennessee – 15

***October 2000 through July 2001.**

Procedure for Ordering Certificates, Pins, Academic Cords:

1. Chapter determines number of certificates/
pins/cords needed.
(Pins - \$5/ea; Certificates - \$5/ea.;Cords - \$9/ea.)
2. Chapter contacts University of Oklahoma by phone
405.271.8001, ext. 43413; fax 405.271.2554, e-
mail to lee-holder@ouhsc.edu or snail mail: 801
Northeast 13th Street, CHB-521, P. O. Box 26901,
Oklahoma City, OK 73190. Attn: Lee Holder, to
request number of certificates/pins/cords needed
and indicate whether certificates are to be lettered.
Chapter should indicate to whose attention order
should be mailed and referenced for payment.
3. Order will be forwarded to chapter within five (5)
working days.
4. Chapter will process invoice and mail payment and
Membership Roster to Lee Holder, at University of
Oklahoma within 30 days.

**Annual Meeting of the
National Alpha Eta I Honor Society
Norfolk, Virginia
October 11, 2001
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

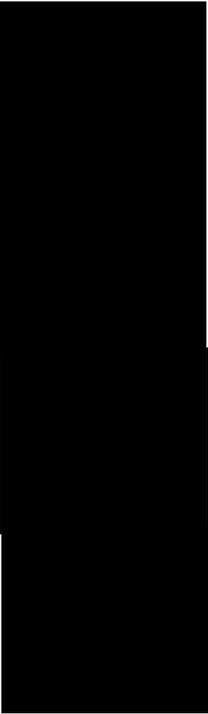
Presentations

- Rodenberg Award
- President's Award

We hope to see you there!

Please forward activities of your
chapters to us. We'd like to
publish them. Articles and
photographs should be mailed to Dr.
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