



Alpha Eta Society NEWSLETTER

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A Year In Review



Past President Willard Green (left) accepts plaque from Gordon Green at 2001 Annual Meeting.



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Gordon Green (left) makes presentation to 2001 Rodenberg Award winner, Thomas Massey. See story on Page 4.



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President's Message

As we begin to prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Alpha Eta Society in San Diego, I've taken time to look back through my file of correspondence and am reminded of our purpose

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“The purpose of the Society shall be the promotion and recognition of significant scholarship, leadership, and contributions to the allied health professions.”

And as I think about our purpose, I think back to commencement and see the smiling faces of our students as we presented them with Alpha Eta certificates and honors cords. My focus has been on our students – those enthusiastic young scholars who are beginning their careers, and who have made commitments to serve their communities as members of the health care team. I see their faces, knowing they are ready to get to work, ready to make a difference, and ready to provide an infusion of new energy into our work force. As I think back, I'm reminded of the importance of recognizing accomplishments, and publicly thanking the students we've had the pleasure to mentor. To have the opportunity to make a difference in the health care delivery systems through education is an honor and an investment, an investment in the mission of health service delivery. The students we recognize today will serve as our leaders, having an impact on health policy and system change.

As I think about our purpose, I am reminded that our faculty begin again every year with each new class. They are dedicated professionals who understand the responsibility of education, and who find energy and satisfaction from the work they do. Our faculty work to promote growth and change, and have the ability to unleash the potential of their students. As an academic administrator, I've asked faculty to do more with less, and have not always thanked them for the work they do.

So, as we prepare for the business of the Society, as we develop reports, and prepare to nominate new officers, please take some time to think about the mission and purpose of Alpha Eta. And take some time to recognize everyone who contributes to the scholarship and leadership of the allied health professions.

Mary Wohlford Wessels, President

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StonyBrook Chapter Reports Annual Activities

The School of Health Technology and Management at the University at Stony Brook has five undergraduate and two graduate programs that nominate candidates for induction into the Society. The undergraduate programs are: Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Cytotechnology, Physician Assistant, Occupational Therapy, and Respiratory Care. The graduate programs are the Master of Science in Health Care Policy and Management and Physical Therapy.

The 20th Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony for the Stony Brook Chapter of Alpha Eta were held at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook, NY on June 28, 2002. Mr. Frederick Sanga, CHE, who is the Executive Director of the Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University, provided the keynote address. He spoke on the topic of leadership in the allied health professions and the contribution to care that allied health professionals make at his facility.

Thirty-seven (37) graduates and three (3) faculty members were inducted this year.

Elections for new offices were held and the President for the 2002-2004 is Robert Streb, Clinical Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy.

2001 Rodenberg Award Winner

Thomas Massey, Physical Therapy graduate, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, was winner of the 2001 Rodenberg Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000, in recognition of his accomplishments. Congratulations.

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The new Secretary/Treasurer for 2002-2004 is Kathleen Finnegan, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

The current balance in the Society's account is \$1,006.17. An executive committee consisting of the President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three other members appointed by the President was established to conduct elections and work with committees to promote the purposes of the society.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Lombardo, MPS, RPAC, President



University of Oklahoma Activities

Alpha Eta National Honor Society, University of Oklahoma chapter held its Spring 2001 Initiation Banquet inducting 16 students into membership. The Society also inducted 23 members at the Fall 2001 Initiation Banquet. The local chapter membership now totals 484.

Allen Knehans, Ph.D., Nutritional Sciences professor, is President and Vesper Grantham, B.S.R.T., Radiologic Technology assistant professor, is Secretary/Treasurer.



Pictured at left are (l-r) Dr. Allen Knehans, Alpha Eta President, and Radiation Therapy initiate Marissa Johnson.



Pictured at right are (l-r) Elizabeth Perry, Sonography initiate, and Alpha Eta Secretary/Treasurer Vesper Grantham.

2000-2001* Initiates:

Armstrong Atlantic State University – 20
Baptist College of Health Sciences – 15
Bossier Parish Community College - 6
California State University – Dominguez Hills – 17
Des Moines University – 40
Houston Community College System –23
Louisiana State University – 23
Medical College of Georgia - 33
Northern Illinois University - 10
Old Dominion University - 20
St. Louis University – 23
SUNY at Stony Brook – 40
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center – 35
The George Washington University – 38
Thomas Jefferson University – 23
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – 35
University of Connecticut – 18
University of Kentucky – 15
University of Mississippi Medical Center - 22
University of Missouri – 15
University of Nebraska Medical Center - 20
University of Oklahoma – 39
University of South Alabama – 42
University of Tennessee – 34
University of Texas, Dallas - 13
Wichita State University - 49
***August 2001 through July 2002.**

Des Moines University Public Health Program Receives Full Accreditation

by Dr. Allan M. Hoffman

The Council on Education for Public Health has formally notified the University that the Public Health program has received full accreditation.

In addition to acknowledging faculty and staff for their contributions, special recognition is given to Alpha Eta President and University division director and associate dean Mary Pat Wohlford Wessels, MS., MA, and Dr. Kathleen Schneider, program director.

National Alpha Eta Society Gains Four New Chapters

Four chapters have been accepted into our National Alpha Eta Society:

The University of Texas Health Sciences Center
at San Antonio
San Antonio, TX
Marylyn Harrington, Ph.D., RDH
210.567.8800 (phone)

Northern Arizona University
Flagstaff, AZ
James D. Blagg, Jr., Dean
928.523.4331 (phone)

Bossier Parish Community College
Bossier City, LA
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318.741.2713 (phone)
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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

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 Honor Society
San Diego, California
October 11, 2002
8:00 - 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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Oklahoma address below.

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