



# Alpha Eta Society NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message



Vince Gallicchio

The Board sincerely encourages representation from as many member chapters as possible at this year's annual meeting.

This year marks a milestone as your President as I conclude my second term leading this organization. At this year's meeting the gavel will be passed on to our new incoming President, Dr. William Frey from the University of Tennessee. We will all wish Bill much success as he takes over leadership of Alpha Eta.

I am pleased to report that the "health" of the organization remains viable. The organization remains the pinnacle of academic recognition amongst and for the allied health professions and importantly recognizes the contributions made by academic programs that cut across the vast sea of academic levels, whether these academic programs represent two-year, four-year, or academic health science centers. New chapters have come on board that have off-set the reduction seen in membership as the result of closures of allied health schools and/or colleges that has taken place across the country during the past several years. To equalize this decline, we have seen an increase in the membership in two-year schools. This, I believe, represents a growing arena whereby students wanting to enter the health professional fields have been able to do so. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues in the years ahead.

As I have had time to reflect on my last President's Message to the organization, it is always important to reflect on the experience, especially in terms of trying to answer the question, "Have I made a difference?" Over the past four years there have been many changes both in my personal and professional life that have influenced where I am today. Two years ago, I changed institutions and, in fact, shifted from the day to day task of dealing with allied health as a cadre of academic disciplines with an emphasis focusing on a specific college with respect to graduate education and research. Now I focus on the responsibility of administering significant areas of the total research enterprise for an entire university. Health Education and Research is just one of six academic and research areas of interest that I must be attentive to now on a daily basis. It has been a very positive transition and welcomed change.

In reflecting over the past four years, I am very proud of the accomplishments made to date. Importantly, the main achievement lies in the awards structure of the organization. The clear distinction in making a difference lies directly with the establishment of the "Lee Holder Award for Excellence in Graduate Allied Health Education". Several years ago it had become quite evident that with the plethora of graduate programs that were being implemented across the academic disciplines in allied health, there needed to be a distinct award established in order to recognize the outstanding contributions made by graduate students in this area. At the time, the organization only had the Rodenberg Award as a mechanism to acknowledge outstanding academic achievement by a graduating allied health student. Because the original intent of this award was to acknowledge an undergraduate student, the growing trend of graduate programs amongst the allied health

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disciplines was now reflected in the large number of applications for this award being submitted by graduate students. Therefore, the original intent of the Rodenberg Award was lost. Thus, this situation needed to be addressed. In my judgment the best way to remedy this situation was to establish a new award specifically to acknowledge the ever-growing participation and contributions made by graduate students in allied health. By naming it in honor of Lee Holder was important because the organization as we know it today would not be Alpha Eta without Lee's tireless work and dedication to the organization. I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank Lee for all of he did to help and assist me in transitioning into as well as guiding me through the President's position. I wish Lee all the best as he now approaches the time when he officially retires from the Alpha Eta. Anyone who has worked or been involved with Alpha Eta and worked with Lee will miss him.

We no doubt will have another excellent set of applicants for this year's awards. At our annual meeting we will acknowledge both the Rodenberg Award and the Lee Holder Award recipients. I look forward to meeting these outstanding graduates when they are presented to accept their individual award for academic excellence at this year's meeting.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to serve this organization both as your President and as a Board Member. I have little doubt that the organization will continue to grow under the tenure of the new incoming president; Alpha Eta will continue to flourish.

Respectfully yours,

*Vincent Gallicchio*

Vincent S. Gallicchio, Ph.D., MT(ASCP),  
CLS(NCA)  
President

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## KUDOS

### 2006 Award Winner

The Lee Holder Award for Excellence in Graduate Allied Health Education was presented to Heather Shriver from Thomas Jefferson University.

Her research was a pilot study developed for analyzing facial sensibility and movement dominance.

Results: No statistical significance between dominant and non-dominant side of the the face.  
- women are more sensitive than men with regard to mono filaments

-difference in sensation between the three regions of the trigeminal nerve distribution.

Ms. Shriver was one of two students who travelled to UMC St. Radbond in Nymegen, Netherlands. Thomas Jefferson University has a seven-year relationship with UMC St. Radbond and each summer two students travel to the Netherlands.

Ms. Shriver received \$1,000 and a plaque in recognition of her accomplishments.

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## New Chapter

It is a pleasure to welcome our  
new chapter as of March 2007:

Masschusettes College  
of  
Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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## Chapter Highlights Featuring:

### DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

Des Moines University held its Alpha Eta Induction Ceremony May 25, 2007.

#### Master of Public Health



Pictured at left are (l-r)  
Back row: Erin Field, Aaron Swanson  
Front row: Simon Geletta, Roxane  
Joens-Matre

#### Master of Health Care Administration



At right (l-r)  
Christine Blair, Susan Self, Aaron Flugum

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Doctor of Physical Therapy



Above (l-r) Danielle Weber, Katie Lindgren, Julie Greenwood, Travis Egli, Richaille Rus, Elizabeth Dixson, Michelle Vogl

Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy



Above (l-r) Cheryl Ellisor, Jennifer Kolesar-Springhetti, Ann York, Cheryl Wisinski

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## The Secretary/Treasurer's Farewell Message

There comes a time in every man's life when he should move on. My time has come to step aside as secretary/treasurer of this Society. As I look back over the 32 years of the Society, I am proud to have been a part of it.

First, we should thank Howard Suzuki (dean at university of Florida) for getting us started. The Alpha Eta Society was started in 1975. It was recognized that allied health was a new concept for colleges throughout the country. We needed a way to recognize excellence in education and Alpha Eta was one way. We now recognize superior scholarship among undergraduate and graduate students with annual awards. Likewise we recognize outstanding chapters in universities.

We now have 64 chapters in colleges and universities throughout the U.S., and have 14,701 members. We continue to add chapters and a few chapters have become inactive.

I have been privileged to have been a part of the life of the Society since its inception. I served as second president 1979 and again in 1991-93. Since 1995, I have served as secretary/treasurer.

Now it is time that I step aside to give the opportunity to others to serve the Society. I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve and will follow your progress in the future.

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President - 2005-2007

**Vincent Gallicchio**  
Clemson University

Secretary/Treasurer 2005-2007

**Lee Holder**  
University of Oklahoma

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**JODI CAHALAN**

DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

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## Procedure for Ordering Certificates, Pins, Academic Cords:

1. Chapter determines number of certificates/  
pins/cords needed. (Pins - \$5/ea. (student), \$10/ea.  
(faculty); Certificates - \$5/ea. (student), \$10/ea. (faculty);  
Cords - \$10/ea.)
2. Chapter contacts University of Oklahoma by phone  
405.271.8001, ext. 43413; fax 405.271.3580, 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.

Please visit our website at:

[www.alphaeta.net/index.htm](http://www.alphaeta.net/index.htm)

where you may obtain forms, update  
your chapter's information or just  
browse.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Alpha Eta Annual Meeting will be held  
Friday, October 19, 2007, 7:30 a.m., at the  
Catamaran Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA.  
The Lee Holder Award for Excellence in  
Graduate Allied Health Education and the  
Sidney Rodenburg Award will be presented  
at that time.

Continental Breakfast will be served.

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