



Alpha Eta

National Allied Health Honor Society

President's Column

Jodi Cahalan, PhD, MPH, PA-C



It's hard to believe that nearly a whole year has passed since we met in Orlando. This includes a year full of orientations, new semesters, commencements, and new inductees into Alpha Eta chapters across the country. Over the past year, we have had the honor of inducting 1425 new members into Alpha Eta. These inductees represent graduates from 41 chapters and true to our allied health roots, many different professions.

As you know, the motto of Alpha Eta is "Together We Serve" and the purpose of our society is to promote and recognize the significant scholarship, leadership and contributions to the Allied Health professions. We just held our White Coat Ceremony this past weekend where I spoke about the importance of respecting and supporting our colleagues from our various professions. Failing to do so hinders quality of care and undermines professionalism. Thankfully, organizations like ours strive to hold all to a high level of respect and to promote collaboration with all.

This organization is only as strong as its members and officers so I am asking you to help with two initiatives. The first is to encourage the development of new chapters at other institutions in your region. We'll talk more about this at the national meeting, but reaching out to some of our

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neighboring institutions may be what it takes to get additional interest in the Alpha Eta. Secondly, I am so thankful for the years of service that Dave Lake has provided our organization. For the past six years, he has been the person who has kept us organized and running as the Secretary-Treasurer. However with the expansion of responsibilities of the Secretary-Treasurer position and the re-invigoration of Alpha Eta in the past six years, it had become apparent that it would be impossible for a single person to handle both roles any longer. As such, we changed the bylaws last year whereby these duties are divided into separate Secretary and Treasurer roles, and we are actively seeking nominees of those who would be willing to serve as either the Secretary or Treasurer of Alpha Eta. If you are interested in serving the organization in this manner, please let us know. Or, if you can think of another Alpha Eta member whose talents fit one of these roles, please encourage them to consider serving the organization.

I wish you all productive and prosperous academic years and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Secretary-Treasurer's Column

David A. Lake, PT, PhD

This year marks the Second Annual Student Research Symposium featuring six student presentations. These presentations were selected on merit from all those submitted by students from institutions which sponsor an Alpha Eta Chapter.

The Student Research Symposium gives the students an opportunity to present their research to an esteemed group of allied health educators. Alpha Eta is reimbursing their travel and ASAHP is given them complementary registration for the day of their presentation. It is a wonderful example of collaboration between Alpha Eta and ASAHP to further the professional development of our outstanding students.

This year the Student Research Symposium will be on Friday, October 25th from 9:40am to 11:40am in "Palazzo F" of the JW Marriott - Grande Lakes Hotel. I am hoping that many of you will be able to attend and celebrate student research.

Annual Meeting, 2012



Timothy Reynolds receiving the Sidney Rodenberg Award from Alpha Eta President Dale Fish



Kimberly Johnson receiving the Lee Holder Award from Alpha Eta President Dale Fish

The 2012 Annual Meeting was held at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista Hotel, Orlando, FL on October 26th.

President Dale Fish presided over the meeting. Minutes and Financial report were approved with corrections.

The next order of business was the presentation of the Sidney Rodenberg and Lee Holder Awards for outstanding academic performance, leadership and scholarship by undergraduate and graduate students

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Chapter News



University of Nebraska

University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)/ School of Allied Health Professions Alpha Eta installation/reception took place May 3, 2013 as part of the UNMC graduation Ceremony with Dean Kyle Meyer presiding.



The students are graduates of the Physical Therapy, CLS and Radiation Science Programs.

Old Dominion University

Students were inducted by the Old Dominion University chapter of Alpha Eta during the luncheon and induction ceremony on Nov. 6, 2012. Dean Shelley Mishoe presented words of congratulations as president Lynn Tolle conducted the ceremony attended by 42 members and new inductees.



Quinnipiac University

On May 3, 2013, Quinnipiac University held its first induction ceremony since the re-activation of its membership. The ceremony took place on the North Haven Campus, home to the School of Health Sciences and the new Dr. Frank Netter School of Medicine building. This year's inductees into the society included 8 faculty members and 54 students across 5 disciplines; Athletic Training/Sports Medicine, Diagnostic Imaging, Health Science Studies, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Graduate/Undergraduate programs. Family and friends joined in the honors and celebration. We were proud to have as this year's guest of honor Dr. David Lake, National Secretary-Treasurer who presented the Chapter membership certificate to Dr. Edward O'Connor, Dean School of Health Sciences



MCPHS University

MCPHS University chapter inducted 27 undergraduate and graduate students into the chapter during the May commencement exercises. In addition, 5 new faculty inductees were named and have joined the MCPHS University chapter.

Annual Meeting, 2012

This year's Rodenberg Award recipient was Timothy Reynolds, Ithaca College. Recipient of the Holder Award was Kimberly Johnson, University of Mississippi Medical Center. Both spoke about their activities as students and their plans upon graduation.

The Finance committee reported on the success of the first Student Research Symposium and suggested that with continued strong financial health of Alpha Eta additional awards or activities to support scholarship and service should be considered by the Executive Council.

The Awards Committee described the success of the new scoring rubric for the Rodenberg and Holder awards and encouraged everyone present to submit nominations for the awards.

Nominating committee put forward nominations for Executive Committee: Sandra Dimeo (Utica College), Barry Eckert (Long Island University), Shirley Richmond (M.D. Anderson), Lynn Tolle (Old Dominion University) and Tasha Valentino (Monroe College) with 4 to be elected. Those candidates who attended the meeting spoke on the reasons that they wished to serve.

Vote of those present was taken and Sandra Dimeo, Barry Eckert, Lynn Tolle and Tasha Valentino were elected for 2012-2014 terms of office.

Motions to change the bylaws to separate Secretary-Treasurer role into two offices was proposed and it passed unanimously. A second motion to establish a bylaws committee was proposed, and it was also approved. Both motions will go before the full membership for approval. [Note: both motions were approved by a majority of chapters in November, 2012]

The position of President was transferred from Dale Fish to Jodi Cahalan. Dale Fish stated he will continue to serve Alpha Eta through the chapter at the University of Buffalo, and that he has the strong belief that Alpha Eta will continue to prosper as it has in recent years. The membership thanked him for his service and dedication to Alpha Eta.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jodi Cahalan.

New Chapters

University of Texas M.D. Anderson Center

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Professions, lead by their dean Shirley Richmond, is committed to the education of health care professionals, through formal academic programs that award institutional certificates and degrees in health sciences.

M.D. Anderson has undergraduate degree programs in Clinical Laboratory Science, Cytogenetic Technology, Cytotechnology, Diagnostic Imaging, Histotechnology, Medical Dosimetry, Molecular Genetic Technology, and Radiation Therapy and a Master of Science in Diagnostic Genetics.

Maryville University

The School of Health Professions, lead by their dean Charles J. Gulas, prepares students for careers in Nursing, Music Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Services and Rehabilitation Counseling. Their unique blend of health and counseling programs provides a rich environment for learning.

They have undergraduate programs in Music Therapy, Nursing and Rehabilitation Services. They have Masters Degree programs in Music Therapy, Nursing, Rehabilitation Counseling, Occupational Therapy and doctoral programs in Nursing and Physical Therapy. They also have certificate programs in Gerontology, Rehabilitation Nursing, and Rehabilitation Services and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study Rehabilitation Counseling.