Formal Mentoring Programs

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) offers a spectrum of leadership and skill development opportunities for continuing education credit. These programs promote lifelong learning through models of formalized mentorship. A dyad (comprised of mentor and protégé) submits their electronic application as partners within the designated timeline. Admission is contingent upon but not limited to receipt of a letter of endorsement from the mentor’s board of directors, individual bio data, goal statements from both parties, and registrant fees. Following acceptance, the pair gains access to an online community featuring peer communications, material resources, and an overview of expectations specific to the selected program (see the listings below).

STTI LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Formal Mentoring Programs

- Board Leadership Development Program (BLD)
- Geriatric Nursing Leadership Academy (GNLA)
- Maternal-Child Health Leadership Academy (MCH)
- Mentored Leadership Program (MLD) (is under redesign and revision and not presently offered)
- Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy (NFLA)

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On-Site Orientation

The OMADA Board Leadership Development (BLD) program prepares participants to serve in a governance role and ideally at the international or national level. In this instance, cohort members of the BLD program met with STTI representatives to observe their half-day board of directors meeting during the required three-day orientation. At STTI headquarters, we could see and hear firsthand how the bylaws correlated to agenda items, discussions and debates or decision making in order to conduct the business of the Society. We toured the STTI Leadership Institute a state-of-the-art facility built by nurses for nurses. In the evening, we had dinner with faculty and staff downtown. Planned socials and small group didactics stimulated interactive exchanges with highly motivated and memorable role models. These activities gave us glimpses into various executive styles. All lecturers left me with indelible impressions since they shared inspiring stories. Each imparted pearls of wisdom—a pointed lesson or poignant memory recollected from his or her own leadership ascent.

Choose Well

This professional mentoring arrangement brought with it unforeseen blessings and lasting benefits. It enabled me to not only cultivate a stratum of relationships beyond existing networks but also rekindle connections with close colleagues in a new light. I have known my BLD program mentor for more than a decade and during this passage, we worked on a number of projects as co-committee members and as co-authors. She has influenced my thinking, helped shape my personal aspirations, and quickened my career trajectory as it pertained
to neuroscience specialty practice. She also paved the way for me to learn much about peer reviewing, editing, and writing for publication from query letters to galley proofs and from an insider’s perspective.

Creating Board Partnerships

The most useful component of the program was serving as a fellow with the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing Editorial Board (EB). I joined my mentors at JNN EB meetings two of which were in conjunction with the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) annual educational events. The Editor-in-Chief facilitated these sessions and the year-round conference calls. She regularly sent files containing documents of reference or publisher’s reports prior to meetings allowing adequate time for EB members to complete assignments beforehand. She was fair-minded and considerate of the fact that that most individuals had competing priorities.

Strategic Business Planning

The Editor-in-Chief had entrepreneurial inclinations, and displayed open communication. As the leader of the editorial board, she practiced active listening and consensus building. She invited board member input for example, when examining the internal strengths, weaknesses, external opportunities, or threats, (SWOT) affecting the JNN. In turn, she incorporated feedback from the membership survey and our analysis of critical drivers into the three-year strategic plan. Recognition of current industry trends focused attention on the shifting subscriber demographics, growing reliance upon digital versus print media, emerging markets likely to steer future directions, use of listservs to generate ideas, and importance of obtaining a journal impact factor (IF).

Generative Governance

Reading and writing tend to be solitary activities by nature. Editorial board members nonetheless were not passive voices working diligently “behind the scenes.” Conversely, their tenacity spoke volumes holding them in good stead as trustees. It was clear that they understood their roles representing the membership as content experts, columnists, section editors, and final manuscript approvers. Mission and vision uppermost in mind, they continuously strive toward improving the quality of the periodical—a product that is perceived by members as delivering maximum value. Additionally, EB members willingly assumed other responsibilities as needed. When the Editor-in-Chief suggested that they might wish to contribute to the JNN via Guest Editorial, a seasoned vet responded with a timely submission on Brain Injury Awareness. Her one-page brief succeeded in clarifying concerns regarding the incidence and types of trauma, classification of severity, and appropriate treatment modalities. Board members were involved this year too, in the JNN Writing Contest for writing excellence awards and the novice author award(s). Here evaluators provided narrative comments and used a numerical scale to score eligible manuscripts. Reading and reviewing for accuracy, relevancy, and scientific merit, as well as writing critiques on an established timeline were applicable in the latter.

New Goals and Next Steps

At the end of the twenty-four month, mentored fellowship another door had opened. The Editor-in-Chief appointed me to the JNN Manuscript Review Board (MRB) and in doing so; she assisted me to achieve my primary objective as initially declared. The position is for a three-year term and promises to be challenging and rewarding.

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Pictured above “Lotuses in Bloom” Seoul, South Korea July 2008
From the photographic archives of E. Kopp, Contemplative Artist
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrea Centrella-Nigro, DNP, RN, CNE is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Saint Peter’s College. Dr. Centrella-Nigro begins a two-year term in July as a faculty counselor on the Mu Theta-at-Large Chapter board of directors.

Clare Cruz, RN, MSN recited the officer’s pledge completing installation to corresponding secretary during the Annual Induction. Clare assumes her new role and responsibilities as a voting board member on 01 July 2011.

Janet Daly, MA, APN, RN chaired the committee for the Biennial Health Fair at Felician overseeing an animated, briskly paced community event. Professor Daly was on hand on 07 April 2011 to greet attendees, as were Sr. M. Patricia Kennedy, Elaine Kopp, and Professor Sara Thompson—all of whom were at the chapter’s display table and circulating.

Jean Ann DiNiro, RN, BSN completed installation as a community leader during the Induction. Jean is Assistant Director, Nursing Resource and Simulation Center at Felician.

Marlienne Goldin, RN, BSN, MPA presented a poster session titled “Ssshhh…Healing Brains at Rest” during the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses’ 43rd Annual Education Meeting, Kansas City, MO. Her in-house study reported on the positive results from a two-hour ‘Quiet Time’ intervention administered in a critical care environment, which was later replicated in several other ICU’s in the same hospital. This innovation in practice earned her the second-place ribbon of three awarded in a field of 65 authors on 19 March 2011. Marlienne is Director, Neuro Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Moses Cone Health System, Greensboro, NC and a faculty associate for Watson Caring Science Institute in Boulder CO.

Mary E. Norton, EdD, APN-C received the chapter’s Excellence in Nursing Award during the Twenty-First Annual Induction Luncheon and Ceremony at the Bethwood, Totowa, NJ on April 30, 2011. In addition, she delivered the keynote address “Fostering Global Citizenship in Education: The Role of the United Nations.” Dr. Norton is Associate Dean and Professor of Global Academic Initiatives at Felician College.

Wasileh Petro, DSc. is a member of the STTI Zeta Lambda Chapter of Jordan, and a colleague of Dr. Norton who recently visited Felician in early April. She had a dual aim in coming to the United States. One objective was to continue strengthening the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Jordan. Another was to continue the research in breast cancer among Arab women. Dr. Petro and Dr. Norton received a second grant from the Scientific Committee at the University of Jordan to study Breast Cancer and Arab women. Their first grant resulted in an article “Risk Factors for Breast Cancer in Jordanian Women” published in the 2002 issue of the Journal of Nursing Scholarship. The focus of the current research is “Beliefs and Practices of Breast Self-Examination among a sample of Arab Women Living in New Jersey USA.” The study will be conducted in Arab and English. Among her many accomplishments Dr. Petro is a tenured professor and past Dean of the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Jordan, founding Dean of the Faculty of Nursing Hashemite University, Zarka, Jordan; and professor of Research University of Nicosia, Cyprus.

Madelyn D. Yu, RN, MSN, past president of the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey (PNANJ) gave a talk on the importance of volunteering in professional organizations at the March general membership meeting at Felician. Madelyn is a nurse manager in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) at Saint Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, NJ.
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- Contact Information
- Optional Supporting Documents
- Nominee’s Contributions as a Mentor
- Nominee’s Professional Accomplishments
- Narrative Summary (written by nominator)

Award is Presented during the Founders Day Dinner

Note: Marianne Duffy, New Jersey Consortium Program Coordinator disseminated a copy of the new online application releale with revised criteria to chapter presidents via e-mail in April/May of 2011. If you need additional info pertaining to the process, please send queries to koppelaine@yahoo.com.

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Save the Date:
- 11 October 2011 (5:30 pm – 9:30 pm)
- Registration Fee: $35.00 per person

Venue:
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  New Brunswick, NJ

Speaker and Tentative Topic Title:
- Mary Ann Christopher, MSN, RN, FAAN
- Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report:
  Implications for Nursing Practice

Note: The application and submission due date as well as award criteria are available on our website. Kindly direct all other queries to members of the Research/Scholarship Committee or Nursing faculty.
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New Members Guide

Join STTI for your official introduction to all that your membership has to offer! During this free web cast, you will have an opportunity to learn about STTI's history, take a tour of membership benefits and resources available online and learn how you can get involved and stay engaged. Register today at http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/Pages/NewMemberGuide.aspx.

Understand the Benefits of Belonging

STTI members receive discounts on apparel, books, jewelry, and other merchandise available through NKI, a subsidiary of STTI. Recent STTI publications include A Daybook for Nurse Educators, The Nurse’s Social Media Advantage; You’ll Know You’re a Military Nurse When... and others. Register on www.nursingknowledge.org with your seven-digit member identification number to receive discounts.

Discover the International Library

Site registrants have free access to six, pre-selected, full-text articles on various topics each month. You will also discover abstracts from STTI and other nursing organization conferences, information on the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame inductees and more. Visit the website of the Virginia Henderson International Library at www.nursinglibrary.org and register today.

Gain Online Perspectives

Access the Journal of Nursing Scholarship online at http://www.nursingsociety.org/Publications/Journals/Pages/Journal of Nursing Scholarship.aspx and log in as a member.

Earn Continuing Education Credits

STTI members may apply for more than 30 hours of continuing nursing education courses and programs Free of charge. New courses include “Community Health Nursing” and “Leading and Serving on a Medical Mission Team.” To find out more go to www.nursingsociety.org/Education.

Make Heartfelt Connections

The STTI Foundation for Nursing was able to award emergency membership subsidies to STTI nurses in Tuscaloosa, AL following the devastating tornado due to the generosity of its members. Help STTI continue to provide this emergency support during disasters by making a gift to the Leadership Fund at www.nursingsociety.org/Foundation.

Become a Voice for Nursing

Named the exclusive nursing organization to provide answers to health and wellness questions on a new website, STTI is on Sharecare.com. The site brings together the top minds in the health care field to provide multiple perspectives within a single website dedicated to improving health. If you are interested in sharing your nursing expertise, visit www.nursingsociety.org/Pages/Sharecare_GettingStarted.aspx.

Enlist in the Speakers Bureau

The STTI Speakers Bureau created as a resource to provide nursing expertise to professional organizations on a wide-range of nursing and health-related topics, is now seeking volunteers. Apply to become a speaker and share your knowledge at www.sttispeakersbureau.net.

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Experience the Biennial Convention

Connect with more than 1,800 colleagues from around the world and share knowledge to help improve the health of the world’s people at the 41st Biennial Convention at Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, TX (29 October to 02 November 2011). Education Grants are available to offset travel costs for eligible STTI members. Register early to receive the best possible discounts at www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents.

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Note: Must be postmarked on or before 31 August 2011

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Note: Onsite pricing begins

General Payment Information

- Payments must be received in United States dollars
- Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and checks are accepted
- Checks must be written in United States dollars
- Made payable to: Sigma Theta Tau International
- Mail to: STTI Convention Registration
  550 W. North Street
  Indianapolis, IN 46202 USA

Reminder: Registrations will not be processed until full payment is received

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Attend a Nursing Research Congress

Registration remains open (until 08 July 2011) for the Twenty-Second International Nursing Research Congress and the Second International Nursing Research Conference for the World Academy of Nursing Science held this year in Cancun, Mexico. Go to www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents and click on “Research Congress”.

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