

November 27, 2019

Hello Beta Nu members,

Last week, President-Elect Mark Hand and I attended Sigma’s 45th Biennial Convention. There were more than 750 oral, symposia, and poster presentations supporting the 2019 convention theme *Connect. Collaborate. Catalyze*. Below you will find some highlights of the convention:

* You can view Sigma’s Biennial Report at <https://issuu.com/stti/docs/sigma-biennial-report_2017-2019_issuu> (make sure and look at Sigma’s new mission and vision located on the inside front cover).
* Our new President-Elect is Kenneth Dion. He served as Treasurer from 2017-2019.
* President Richard Ricciardi’s call to action is to “infuse joy” to improve patient outcomes, personal health and well-being, system practice, practice environment, the profession of nursing, and society.
* 91 chapters received Chapter Key Awards. Beta Nu and Delta Omega are the only two chapters in the world with 14 Key Awards. Beta Nu is already archiving information in preparation for our 15th in 2021!

**Nurse Leader Happenings:**

* **Jeanette Avery, Melissa Beck, Linda Bolin, Wendy Bridgers, Nancy Dias, Melydia Edge, Gina Firnhaber, Thompson Forbes, Dell Hagwood, Carolyn Horne, Lee Ann Jarrett-Johnson, Barbara Kellam, Cheryl Kovar, Kim Larson, Charleen McNeill, Janice Neil, Tamara Perdue, Shannon Powell, Mary Ann Rose, Ann Schreier, Elaine Scott, Kathleen Sitzman, Michelle Skipper, Renee Spain, Deborah Tyndal, and Holly Wei:** Received recognition at Laupus Library’s Annual Health Sciences Author Recognition Awards Program.
* **Gina Woody:** Was on WNCT talking about “Aware-in-Care Kits.” See the video of her at: <https://www.wnct.com/features/online-originals/online-originals-aware-in-care-kits-to-be-given-out-to-parkinsons-patients/>
* **Karla Murrieta Morales:** Won an International Photo Contest Award. She was honored at the International Education Week for her work.

**Help Wanted:**

* Do you know someone that’s a nurse leader and not a member of Beta Nu that has or is working on their BSN, MSN, EdD or PhD? Send their names to Beta Nu counselors Joyce Buck**buckjoy@ecu.edu**or Heather Kindl**kindl19@ecu.edu**
* Don’t forget to send me (Melissa Beck) your accomplishments and/or special requests by emailing them to schwartzme@ecu.edu

Wishing each of you a Wonderful Thanksgiving,

*Melissa Schwartz Beck*

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