



Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing®

October 24, 2010

Dear Delta Gamma Member,

I am writing to you as your chapter President to let you know that the Delta Gamma Board of Directors is having discussions with nursing leaders at Alverno College about the possibility of creating a joint STTI Delta Gamma At Large Chapter. Currently Alverno College does not have a STTI chapter.

I had initial discussions with the Dean of Marquette School of Nursing – Dr. Margaret Callahan and the Dean of Alverno College School of Nursing - Pat Schroeder, RN, MSN in August. Both Deans are active and invested members of our Delta Gamma chapter. There seems to be a goodness of fit between the two schools of nursing. Marquette and Alverno are both Catholic universities with values of excellence, service, leadership and faith. Additionally, both Colleges of Nursing are held in high esteem and considered leaders in nursing field in the Milwaukee community and well beyond.

I believe that becoming a joint chapter with Alverno can help increase our membership numbers and make our educational offerings and events more successful – leading to our chapter's sustainability in the future. Joining together to continue the mission of Sigma Theta Tau International to lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people in this way seems practical.

Following my meeting with the Deans, I contacted STTI headquarters for guidance on the process of pursuing a joint chapter. Next I presented the proposal to the Delta Gamma Board and Committee Members at our August 18th meeting and they were supportive. The general nursing faculty at Marquette also verbally supported this idea when presented by Diane Dressler, RN, MSN – Delta Gamma Faculty Counselor and Dean Callahan at their nursing faculty meeting in September.

For this initiative to advance, I need the support of the Delta Gamma membership. An open Delta Gamma Board Meeting to address issues related to this joint venture is scheduled for December 8 from 4-5:30 in the Marquette Memorial Union Room 254. A formal membership vote for approval will be taken at this meeting. I hope that you will be able to attend.

You can also call me at 414-322-4698 to share your thoughts on this or join our Delta Gamma chapter online blog at <http://deltagammastti.org/wordpress/>

We are also having a wine and cheese reception and Delta Gamma educational research session following the board meeting. See the backside of this letter for more information! Please bring a new or gently used children's book for the Marquette Neighborhood Health Center. I hope to see you on December 8.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Haag-Heitman".

Barb Haag-Heitman, RN, PhD, PHCNS-BC – Delta Gamma President



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DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER - FALL/WINTER EVENT

Open Delta Gamma Board Meeting to Discuss & Vote on Creating a Joint Chapter with Alverno College

All Members Encouraged to Attend

Marquette Alumni Memorial Union 4 to 5:30 pm Room 254

Board Meeting Followed By:

An Evening of Research

Wine, Cheese and Desserts: 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Presentations: 6 to 7:30 pm

Alumni Memorial Union Room 163

Presentation by Recipients of Delta Gamma Grants:

“The Effect of a Resourcefulness Training Intervention on Relocation Adjustment and Adaptive Functioning among Relocated Older Adults”

Abir K. Bekhet, PhD, RN, H.S.M.I. - Assistant Professor

Marquette University College of Nursing

“Stages of Change in the Trajectory of Postpartum Weight Management”

Jennifer M. Ohlendorf, RN, MS - Doctoral (PhD) Student

Marquette University College of Nursing

“How ready are they? Parents of Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant Recipients and the Transition from Hospital to Home”

Stacey Lerret PhD(c), RN, CPNP - PhD Candidate

Marquette University College of Nursing

“A Qualitative Study of the Sexuality of Adolescent Males”

Kristin Haglund, RN, PhD, APRN - Associate Professor

Marquette University College of Nursing



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