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39th Biennial Convention

This edition focuses the fall meeting and induction ([story and photos below](#)) the esteemed guest speaker Dr. Daniel Pesut ([story below](#)), upcoming spring event March 22, electronic election, the [school updates](#) and a reminder that applications are being accepted for [awards](#).

The 12th annual Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing induction ceremony for XiKappa Chapter-At-Large welcomed new members and had a national speaker. The event was held at the NDSU Alumni Center on October 27, 2006. We were honored to have as our speaker, Past President Dan Pesut (story and photos below)

Following the social and keynote speaker came the annual induction ceremony. An elite group of student nurses and nurse leaders were inducted from Concordia College , Jamestown College , Minnesota State University Moorhead , and North Dakota State University.

Concordia College inducted the following undergraduate students: Gina Ahlf, Linda Blasczyk, Huyen Buegel, Brook Buerkle, Breana Dalzell, Laura Ellingson, Amanda Grossman, Siri Harless, Nathan Herman, Anne Keeley, Lynn Keranen, Teresa Korf, Daniel Lund, Amanda Sakrismo, Elizabeth Scherbel, Sarah Uglem, and Laura Wilner.

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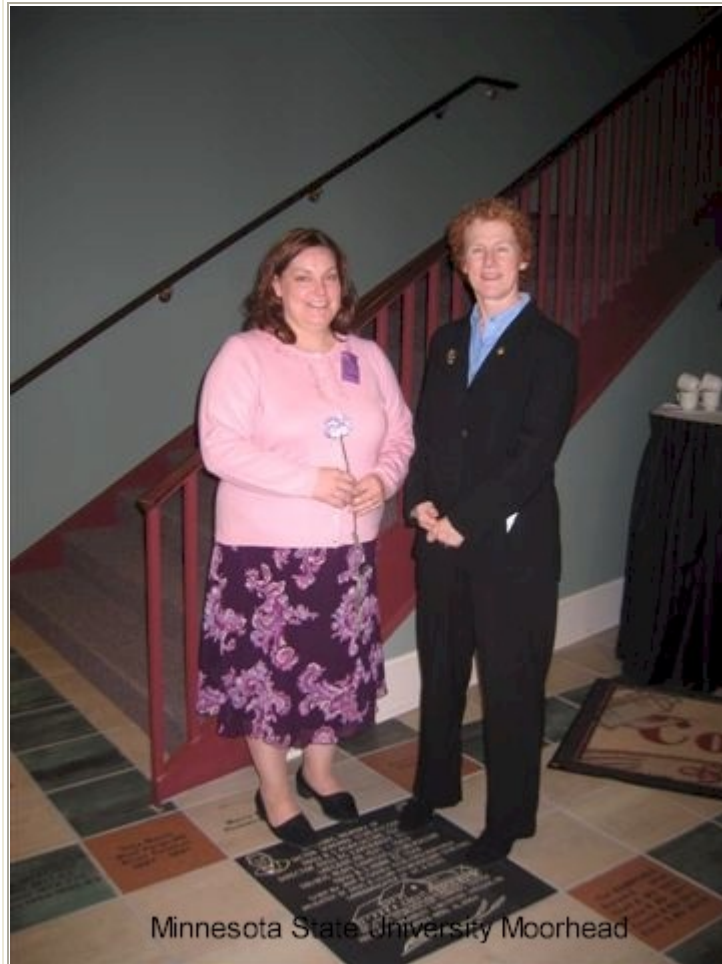


Jamestown College inducted the following undergraduate students: Bethany Borchert, Ana Brockhaus, Megan Broderick, Amy LaQua, Elizabeth McCarty, Ashley Patnode, AND Julia Thomas. Jamestown College also invited nurse leader inductees included Shar Gumke, Wendy Hournbuckle and Joan Schultz.



Jamestown College Inductees

Minnesota State University Moorhead inducted the following undergraduate students: Jason Arndt, Stephanie Kritzbewrger, Nicole Matchinsky, Carol O'Sullivan, Christine Shaffer, and Robin West. Minnesota State University Moorhead also invited community leader Emma Brown to become a member of STTI as well.



North Dakota State University inducted the following undergraduate students: Rebecca Behnke, Julie Crick, Brenda Haug, Julie Mork and Sarah Maack. Two graduate students were invited to become members of SSTI: Jessica Kleindl and LuAnn Stromme.

North Dakota State University Inductees



We are proud to welcome and honor all new members. These students and nurse leaders now have the opportunity to the many benefits of membership, including continuing education, research grants, scholarships, networking, mentoring, awards and recognition, research tools, and society publications. Submitted by B Greenwald.

Daniel Pesut, APRN, BC, PhD, FAAN, nursing professor and chair of the Department of Environments for Health Department, Indiana University School of Nursing

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On Friday October 27, 2006 the Xi Kappa Chapter-At-Large was honored to welcome Dr. Dan Pesut as the keynote speaker at the annual induction of Sigma Theta Tau members for the year 2006. Dr Pesut exemplifies all that STTI honors: an excellence in nursing practice, education, and research. He served as a staff nurse in the U.S. Army and worked as a clinical nurse specialist at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research. Dr. Pesut is also past-president of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. Pesut, who is experienced in nursing practice, education, administration, and research, is a past-president of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. His keynote address, "The Vision Factor" was very encouraging and promoted the nursing profession respectfully.

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Comments from some of those who attended: *"It was inspiring to induct the new nurses* excited to enter the workforce while at the same time honoring nurses who had been practicing anywhere from 5-20 years at the ceremony. I had a particularly nice chat with one dynamic senior nursing student. Dr. Pesut gave a discussion on vision and how it is achieved. This student had all the components to her vision that Dr. Pesut talked about. She expressed interest in a workplace with a positive vibe to it. A challenging practice that would allow her to be a part of the team and a facility that allowed her flexibility and new opportunities. She was interested in a practice that would fit her personal and professional vision. I was personally delighted to have this young woman enter the field of nursing and our professional organization. I left the induction feeling re-energized and ready to use my nursing knowledge to make a positive contribution to my home, my workplace and my community" (SS).

"It was a pleasure to meet a nurse leader of the caliber of Dr. Dan Pesut. I enjoyed hearing his interpretation of the evolution of nursing from a historical to a futuristic perspective. At our annual induction ceremony, we announce the inductees and their career aspirations. Generally, their announced focus is on a type of nursing or place of employment. My greatest curiosity, however, about our elite inductees is "How will you change the future of nursing?" I know they will have long and diverse careers, and have a powerful impact on our profession. Their new membership in Sigma Theta Tau is the first step in accessing the many benefits that will enhance their leadership abilities to effect these changes. I congratulate our inductees on making a wise decision to accept our invitation to join Sigma Theta Tau" (BG)!

Dr. Dan Pesut, immediate past president of the International Honor Society spoke about "The Vision Factor" at the induction ceremony. He **challenged nurses** to play a role in a transformed health care system by transcending the present, anticipating the future, and creating vision-based scenarios that show how resources are aligned with action to achieve well defined outcomes. He quoted Bert Nanus, saying, "Vision is composed of one part foresight, one part insight, plenty of imagination and judgment, and often a healthy dose ofchutzpah" (MM).

Thank you to each one of our board members for their part in arranging a memorable and inspiring event.

Spring Continuing Education Event

March 22, 2007,

6:30 PM

"From Gray Hair to Pink Hair: Generational Work-place Work"
Presented by Joyce Bloch and Naomi Aufman
NDSU Alumni Center in Fargo, ND
Students - \$5.00 Non-students: \$10.00
Beverage and snacks available



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The 2007 International Awards for Nursing Excellence recognizes achievements in the fields of technology, media, chapter excellence, research and leadership. Submission deadline is **1 March 2007**. Award recipients will be honored at the honor society's 39th Biennial Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on 3-7 November 2007. Click title link for application information.



CALL FOR COLLABORATION

[20/20 Presidential Call for Action](#) *Members and chapters can make a difference* As we continue working in this biennium, ask yourself these critical questions:

- **How can I make a difference** in achieving the mission and vision of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International?
- **What is one thing I can do** this coming biennium that would contribute to the success of the defined strategic plan?

 **Is my vision that of the honor society's?** If a critical mass of members answers this question with action, we will be assured continued success and an enriching experience.

Schools Update

Concordia College, by Jennifer DeJong: Concordia College

- Student news:
- Faculty news:

Jamestown College, by Jacqueline Mangnall: In February, 6 senior nursing students and one JC faculty member traveled to Chogoria, Kenya to work in the hospital for three weeks. The hospital and its associated nursing school is located in a lush jungle region just at the base of Mount Kenya. The area is remote but the Presbyterian Church of Kenya and the USA support a 300-bed hospital that serves a population of 528,000 people. While in Chogoria, the students were assigned to a pediatric ward and cared for children with malaria. They also worked on a maternity ward and traveled with nurses to remote jungle areas to deliver AIDS medication and teaching. They completed their experience in Kenya by going on a safari at the Masaaai Mara. As part of the partnership between Jamestown College and Chogoria, the college will also be offering scholarships and expenses for two students from their nursing school to obtain their baccalaureate degree at Jamestown College.

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> The Department of Nursing at JC is in the process of expanding its program to admit 48 students per class (previously, we admitted a maximum of 36 students). The college is discussing affiliation possibilities with several rural health-care facilities in the area and we have restructured some of the curriculum to accommodate a larger number of students. Of particular concern is pediatric clinical experiences. We are planning to increase our involvement in the school system with the hope that more of a nursing presence there will be beneficial to both our nursing school and the public schools.

MSUM, by Barbara Matthees: The Minnesota State University Moorhead Nursing department is very busy with a number of exciting programs and projects.

- Student News

- Faculty News

NDSU by Marjorie McCullagh: The NDSU College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Science.

- Student News
- Faculty News

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS: Aspirations

Jessica Kleindl, MSN	To practice as a nurse practitioner and improve nursing practice in rural health care.
Rebecca Behnke, BSN	I want to start my wonderful nursing career in the F-M area, possibly in a peri-operative or medical-surgical setting. I am considering moving to a rural area near my hometown after a few years of experience. And of course, there is always the possibility of graduate school someday!
Julie Crick, BSN	Return to the Sauk Centre area after graduation and work either on a medical-surgical or obstetrics unit .Then I will see where my professional journey takes me!
Julie Mork, BSN	To continue on to graduate school and become a nurse practitioner.
Chapter News	
Awards	2007 is the year that applications are accepted for Excellence in Clinical Nurse Practice and Excellence in Nursing Education. The award application forms are linked to our chapter home page and are due by July 1, 2007. Recipients will be recognized at the fall meeting.

<p>Scholarship</p> <p>Membership</p>	<p>Sigma Theta Tau International comes with several benefits, but it can also be costly. From time to time, a qualified student candidate for membership in Xi Kappa is unable to pay the membership fee. When this has happened in the past, members have stepped forward to offer assistance with paying the fee.</p> <p>The chapter has subsidized 75 percent of the membership fee which is \$120. If you would like to make a donation to this fund please email Marjorie or call 701-231-7517. Thank you.</p>
<p>Members</p>	<p>Recruit & Endorse a Community Member: We have many qualified nursing leaders across the region and Xi-Kappa welcomes nurse leaders who have earned a baccalaureate degree to become members in the society. Active members are invited to consider endorsing a nurse for membership. It is not too soon to start the process even though the official induction takes place in the fall. The forms are linked below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership information• Membership intent form• Endorsement form

