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Induction of New Members & Installation of Officers 2007



Fay Bower, President-Elect, Kathy Ricossa, Region One Coordinator, & Bobbie Richards, President

One hundred and sixty-nine new Chapter members, including junior and senior students, as well as community nurse leaders were inducted into the Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau International on Saturday, April 27, 2007 in the Fontaine Auditorium at Samuel Merritt College. Community nurse leaders inducted included Cathy Nisen, Roberta Boshears, Patricia Davis, Margaret Tsiang, Susan Rae Ross and Margaret Wright. A luncheon for 218 attendees followed the ceremony where Kathy Ricossa, Region One Coordinator was the keynote speaker. New inductees included 20 students from California State University East Bay, 27 from Holy Names University, and 116 students from Samuel Merritt College, as well as 6 community nurse leaders from the region. A first was recorded with the simultaneous induction of siblings, Caroline Miller and Joe Miller from SMC, at the 2007 Induction Ceremony. With the addition of new inductees, membership in Nu Xi At Large rose to 744 members in May 2007.

New Board members were formally installed following Induction. These include: Juli Maxworthy, MSN, MBA, RN, President Elect; Joan Bard, DEd, RN, reelected as Vice President (Samuel Merritt College); Faculty Counselors:

Edith Jenkins Weinrub, EdD, RN, (re-elected) (Holy Names University), Teri Gwin, MS, GNP, RN, (Samuel Merritt) and Adrienne Carlson, MSN, RN (CSU East Bay). Leadership Succession Committee Members Nancy Gibbs, MS, RN and Janice LaCoste, MS, RN.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by President Bobbie Richards to members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for their service. Outgoing officers and chairs include Bobbie Richards, MA, RN, President; Faculty Counselors, Renee Granados, MSN, RN (CSU East Bay); Susan Cantrell, MSN, RN, (Samuel Merritt College); Leadership Succession Committee members, Sharon Diaz, PhD, RN and Roberta Durham, PhD, RN. Bobbie Richards was presented with a Past-President Pin and an award for her long service as a board member, President-elect, and President.

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Susan Cantrell, SMC Faculty Counselor, receives Excellence in Nursing Education Award from Diana Dunn, Awards Chair, at the Annual Induction Ceremony

NU XI CHAPTER AT LARGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007-08

Event	Date	Time	Location
18th International Nursing Research Congress STTI	July 11-14, 2007	See Schedule online.	Vienna, Austria
Board Retreat	August 25, 2007 Saturday	10-4 PM	TBA
General Membership Meeting	October 24, 2007 Wednesday	5:00-6:30 PM	Holy Names University
38th Biennial STTI Convention	November 2-7, 2007	Go to STTI website	Baltimore, Maryland
Joint Research Conference	TBA	TBA	TBA
Nu Xi Research Grant Application Deadline	March 1, 2008	5:00 PM	Contact Marcia Canton drcanton@pacbell.net.
General Membership & Annual Business Meeting	March 19, 2008 Tuesday	5:00 PM	CSU East Bay
Induction	May 3, 2008	11:00 AM	Samuel Merritt College
Board Retreat	August 23, 2008	10:00-4:00	TBA
19th International Nursing Research Conference	July 2008 Dates TBA	TBA	Singapore
STTI Chapter Leadership Academy 2008	September 25-27, 2008	TBA	Indianapolis, Indiana
39th Biennial STTI Convention	Oct 31-Nov 4, 2009	TBA	Indianapolis, Indiana

OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTORING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

Applications for Nu XI Leadership Intern Sought

Applications are sought for the 2007-2009 Nu Xi Leadership Intern position. Juli Maxworthy, MS, MBA, RN has completed her term and a new candidate will be selected by the Board. Interested candidates should contact Bobbie Richards, President at thebobs2@comcast.net. The leadership intern will have the opportunity for mentored participation at board level activities and attend the STTI Chapter Leader Academy.

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Deloras Jones Speaker at Spring 2007 General Membership & Annual Business Meeting



Deloras Jones

The Spring General Membership Meeting was hosted by California State University East Bay in the Biella Room at the CSUEB Library on Thursday, April 5, 2007. Featured speaker, Deloras Jones, MS, RN, Executive Director of the California Institute for Nursing and Health Care, provided an update on the nursing shortage and focused on the need to continue to build capacity for educating more nursing students in her presentation titled, "Updates on the Nursing Shortage: Building Educational Capacity."

Bobbie Richards, President, announced the results of the recent election of officers for the coming biennium: Juli Maxworthy, President-Elect, Joan Bard, Vice President-SMC (reelected), Faculty Counselors: Edith Jenkins Weinrub, HNU (reelected), Teri Gwin, Samuel Merritt and Adrienne Carlson, CSUEB and Leadership Succession Committee Members: Nancy Gibbs, and Janice LaCoste. Other announcements included recruitment for candidates for the Leadership Intern position, extension of the deadline for the research grant award (to June 30), and recipients of awards for the Hall of Fame event in January.





Lois Capps, D-California Honored by Nursing Deans

Representative Lois Capps, D-California Honored by Nursing Deans

Dr. Carolyn Fong, Professor and Chair of the nursing department at CSU East Bay, along with other nursing deans including Dr. Dracup (UCSF), Dr. Huckabay (CSU Long Beach), and Dr. Aja Tulleners-Lesh (Azusa Pacific), recognized California Representative Lois Capps on behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing on April 20, 2007 with an appreciation award for her long time commitment to nursing education and research. The presentation was made to Ms. Capps in her office on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Rep. Capps is the "voice" for nursing in the House of Representatives and has made tremendous strides in addressing the need for new nurses and nurse faculty as well as promoting funding and new authorities to assist nursing education. Rep. Capps dedication to nursing is so strong she used the meeting to discuss the complications contributing to and possible solutions for the nursing and nurse faculty shortages.

STTI 39th Biennial Convention Activities & Member Attendance

The 39th Biennial Convention will be held 2-7 November 2007, in Baltimore, Maryland. Learn more and register online at www.nursingsociety.org/convention. Early Registration Deadline- September 26th, 2007. Volunteer Opportunities-When planning your involvement in the convention, remember that volunteers are needed in many areas. You can help make this event a success by registering online for the shift(s) of your choice beginning in April. The link "Call for Volunteers" will be added to the website and will direct you to volunteer registration and a detailed list of available opportunities. Nu Xi members who wish to attend the convention and are seeking partial support from Nu Xi should con-

tact Bobbie Richards at thebobs2@comcast.net.

April Showers Donations Sought

The April Showers Program was started over a decade ago to provide toiletries for the homeless in shelters and for low income elders and families. Joan Bard, Vice President of Nu Xi, is the contact and lead person for this program. Summer is a great time to collect soaps, shampoo, crème rinse, and other toiletries while you travel and vacation.

Tooth brushes, tooth paste, and dental floss are also sought (Your dentist will contribute if you ask!). Contributions can be brought to meetings or contact Joan Bard at jbard@samuelmerritt.edu. Please help us keep this worthwhile program flourishing!

Research Grant Application Deadline Extended

The goals of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nu Xi At Large Chapter Research Committee are to: Support nursing

SEEKING MEMBER INVOLVEMENT!



Positions are open to members seeking interesting work in support of Nu Xi At Large Chapter. Needed: Chapter Archivist, Philanthropy Committee and Newsletter Committee. Please contact President Bobbie Richards at: thebobs2@comcast.net

research, use research to improve the practice of nursing, and stimulate research capabilities among Sigma Theta Tau members. Funds have been set aside to assist members of Nu Xi to conduct nursing research projects and the deadline for applications has been extended to June 30, 2007. For award guidelines and proposal information contact: Dr. Marcia Canton, Chair, Research Committee (510) 436-1239. drcanton@pacbell.net.

New Appointments to Nu Xi At Large Research Committee

Sarah Keating, EdD, FNP, RN, FAAN, Professor at University of Nevada Reno has been appointed to the Research Committee of Nu Xi At Large Chapter. Dr. Keating is Professor Emeritus and former Dean for Nursing at Samuel Merritt College. Janice LaCoste, MS, RN, Nursing Project Coordinator for Patient Care Services at Kaiser Walnut Creek Medical Center, has also been appointed to the Research Committee. Janice formerly chaired the Kaiser Regional Nursing Research Committee and coordinated the Nursing Research Conferences which Nu Xi participated in as a cosponsor in recent years. The Research Committee, chaired by Marcia Canton, EdD, RN, also includes member Penny Bamford, PhD, RN, Interim Academic Vice President at Samuel Merritt College.



Nu Xi Bears For Sale

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2006 Annual Fund A Success!

The second Nu Xi Annual Fund Campaign raised \$2,321.00 from contributions by 25 donors. The campaign nearly doubled the number of contributors and increased contributions significantly over the 2005 campaign. Success in this fund raising event will enable the Chapter to continue its goals to fund scholarships for students at each of the three schools, as well as to fund a research award. A grateful Board acknowledges the donors for this successful campaign.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS **2006–2007** *of* **NU XI AT LARGE**

Second Biennial Hall of Fame Event



Kathy Gray, Brenda Bailey, Teri Gorman, Jane Auvenshine, & Carolyn Fong,
CSU faculty celebrate Nursing Excellence Awards

Members Selected for Omada Leadership Program



Juli Maxworthy & Enna Trevathon selected for the STTI Omada Board Leadership Program

Joint Research Conference with Alpha Eta — UCSF & Bay Area STTI Chapters



Marilyn Flood, PhD, RN, Speaker at UCSF/NuXi
Joint Research Event

Largest Number of New Inductees in Chapter History



Bobbie Richards, President pinning a new inductee



Joan Bard, coordinator of April Showers, Diana Dunn, founder of April Showers program, & a colleague attending the 2007 Hall of Fame event

Success in Chapter and Community Philanthropy

Regional Chapter Excellence Awards Presented to Nu Xi At Large at the Chapter Leader Academy

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Scholarships and Research Awards Funded with Successful Annual Fund Campaign
- Joint Continuing Education Program with Alpha Rho Chapter in February 2007



Juli Maxworthy, Kathy Ricossa, & Bobbie Richards accept Regional Chapter Excellence Awards at STTI Chapter Leader Academy

NU XI MEMBER NEWS

FUSAE KONDO ABBOTT, DNSc, RN, Associate Professor, Samuel Merritt College and Director of the Case Management Program and MSN Online Programs, published the following article. Kondo, F. (2006) Patient Empowerment: Chronic Disease Self-management Programs. *JIM*. 2006:16, 994-995 Fusae also presented this work at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Tokyo Division of the Japan Dermatological Association in February 2007.

AUDREY BERMAN, PHD, RN, AOCN, Professor and Dean, Samuel Merritt College, has completed the newest edition of her book which has become the major fundamentals text in use in the country. Citation: Berman, A, Snyder, S.J., Kozier, B, & Erb, G. *Kozier & Erb's Fundamentals of Nursing: Concepts, Process, and Practice* (8th ed.) Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall Health, 2008.

SYLVIA BERTRAM, PHD, RN, HRSA Internship Grant Director at Kaiser Regional, will be presenting an abstract for the Annual STTI Research Conference in Vienna. The title of her abstract is, "Fundamentals of Ethics Based Nursing Practice Studies".

FAY L. BOWER, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Professor and Chairperson at Holy Names University, with colleague Cyn-di McCullough, will be presenting at the 38th Sigma Theta Tau International Convention in November in Baltimore, Maryland. The topic of their presentation is "Evidence-based Design". Dr. Bower also presented a class on The Principles of Adult Learning for the CINHC/Moore Foundation sponsored program offered to nurses interested in becoming clinical faculty.

SUSAN CANTRELL, MSN, RNC, Nu Xi Faculty Counselor and Assistant Professor, Samuel Merritt College, received the Nursing Administrative Council Faculty Award in Spring 2007.

CECILY COSBY, PHD, FNP, PA-C, RN was awarded the Paul C. Samson Chair in Nursing at Samuel Merritt College for 2007-2010. The Samson Chair was

established to acknowledge a faculty member in nursing for excellence in teaching, and secondarily, for exemplary service to Samuel Merritt College and affiliating agencies in professional and scholarly activities. The Chair designation carries with it a substantial cash award in recognition of past work and institutional contribution. In addition, Cecily was promoted to the rank of Full Professor. Cecily's most recent publication is: Cosby C. (2007) Hermatologic Disorders Associated with HIV and AIDS. *Journal of Infusion Nursing*. 30(1):22-32.

TERRY DEANE, MSN, MBA, FNP, Assistant Professor, Samuel Merritt College, was selected for the "Most Inspirational Faculty" by students at the SMC Sacramento Regional Learning Center in 2006.

MICHELLE DECOUX HAMPTON, MS, RN, CS, Assistant Professor, Samuel Merritt College, presented a paper, "Racial Disparities in Mental Health Service Utilization Among African Americans with Severe Mental Illness," at the 2007 annual meeting of the International Society for Psychiatric Nurses, Montreal Canada.

ROBERTA DURHAM, PHD, RN, Professor, CSUEB, Birgit Jentsch (National Centre for Migration Studies, Isle of Skye, United Kingdom), Vanora Hundley (University of Stirling, United Kingdom) and Julia Hussein (University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom) co-authored a paper, "Creating Consumer Satisfaction in Maternity Care: the Neglected Needs of Migrants, Asylum Seekers and Refugees," which appeared in the *International Journal of Consumer Studies* 31 (2007) 128-134.

DR. MARGARET EARLY, Associate Professor and Chair, Undergraduate Nursing, Samuel Merritt College, had the following article published: Early, M.R. & Hubbert, A.O. (2006). Violence in the Emergency Department: A culture care perspective. *Theoria, Journal of Nursing Theory*, 15(3), 3-10.

RENE ENGELHART, MS, RN, Assistant Professor at Samuel Merritt College, has completed requirements for the Master of Science in nursing from California State University Sacramento.

MIRIAM EISENHARDT, MPH, RN, Assistant Professor, Samuel Merritt College, presented a paper, "Transforming Students: Creating Partnerships with Vulnerable Communities", with colleague A.M. Dunn at the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators Annual Conference in Kansas City Missouri, in 2007.

SYLVIA FOX, PHD, RN, CNS, Associate Professor, at Samuel Merritt College, served as a consultant to the Ministry of Health and the University of Asmara, Eritrea, July 31-August 18, 2006.

NANCY GIBBS, MS, RN, has been appointed an Assistant Professor at Samuel Merritt College. Nancy will be teaching students in critical care nursing.

CAROLYN HARRIS-MUCHELL, PHD, RN, Adjunct Faculty at Holy Names University, is co-author of an article on "The Contribution of Fetal Drug Exposure to Temperament: Potential Teratogenic Effects of Neuropsychiatric Risk" soon to be published in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*. Dr. Harris-Muchell will be providing eight hours a week of psychotherapy to HIV individuals and their families effective June 1, 2007.

ABBY HEYDMAN, PHD, RN, Professor, Saint Mary's College, and Professor Emeritus, Samuel Merritt College, completes a four year term on the PT Accreditation Panel for the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education in June, 2007.

EDITH JENKINS-WEINRUB, EDD, RN, Assistant Professor, Holy Names University completed a blind review of the Jones and Bartlett book entitled *Management and Leadership for Nurse Administrators*. Dr. Jenkins-Weinrub and Dr. Carolyn Harris-Muchell also participated in the California Black Health Network this spring.

SARAH KEATING, EDD, FNP, RN, FAAN, Professor at University of Nevada Reno, and **Janice LaCoste, MS**,

NU XI WELCOMES NEW INDUCTEES 2007



RN, Nursing Project Coordinator for Patient Care Services at Kaiser Walnut Creek Medical Center, have been appointed to the Research Committee for Nu Xi Chapter At Large.

SHARLENE LIMON, MS, RN, Dean of Health and Exercise Sciences at Ohlone College and formerly Director of the Ohlone College Nursing Program has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2007. Sharlene has been at Ohlone College for 33 years and provided leadership for numerous curricular innovations in the associate degree nursing program, as well as the initiation of the physical therapy assistant program and other health science programs. Ohlone has distinguished itself among community colleges by seeking professional accreditation with the National League for Nursing and other national accreditation agencies for its health science programs.

MARIA MANGINI, PhD, FNP, RN, Associate Professor at Holy Names University, attended a four day conference in Sebastopol entitled "Final Passages" where she learned how to develop a midwifery model of death care as part of the Time Out Grant she has received from Vassar College. As another aspect of the grant, Maria is also becoming licensed as a funeral director in California. Dr

Mangini will be a speaker at the Visionary Women Conference in July where she will discuss home death care.

JULI MAXWORTHY, MS, MBA, RN, completing 20 years of service at John Muir Medical Center, has accepted a new position as Senior Director, Quality and Resource Management at Washington Hospital Healthcare System in Fremont. Juli was selected as President-Elect in the recent Nu Xi At Large Chapter elections.

LINDSAY McCREA MS, APRN, BC, CWOCN, FNP, doctoral student and Moore Fellow at the University of California San Francisco, has presented a poster: "Measurement of Constipation Using Self-Report Instruments: What the Literature Tells Us" at two conferences: UCSF Community of Scholars in April 2007 and Wound Ostomy Continence Society in June 2007. Lindsay's area of research is Constipation in the Older Adult, a topic she hopes to pursue further as she completes the PhD program at UCSF. Lindsay is a former President of Nu Xi and she sends her regards to members of the Chapter.

RHONDA RAMIREZ, EDD, FNP, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Samuel Merritt College, was selected as a delegate for the California Association of Nurse Practitioners, Policy and Practice Committee.

MILEVA SAULO-LEWIS, EDD, RN, Associate Professor, Coordinator of Faculty Development for Samuel Merritt College School of Nursing, was elected Secretary and member of the Board of Directors, American Nurses Association/California. In January, 2007, Mileva made a presentation, "Ethics in the Real World" to the RN Medical Surgical Transitions Training Program at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Oakland, CA. In November 2006, Mileva and colleague, R.J. Wagener, presented "Hearing the Patient's Voice: Values and Mediation" at the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society.

BRENT SOMMER, MPHA, CRNA, Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Samuel Merritt College, is an advisory Panel Member for the Men in Nursing project sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, Kaiser Permanente, the United States Army, et al, national media project developed for public television and J & J Public Relations promotional program to recruit and support men entering the field of nursing. Brent also served as a delegate to the Council for public Interest in Anesthesia in September 2006.

TAMERA VALENTA, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor School of Nursing at Samuel Merritt College, has completed requirements for the Master of Science at SMC.

MARGARET WRIGHT, DRPH, RN, Assistant Professor, CSUEB, gave a presentation, "Building a Framework for Participatory Decision-making in a Refugee Context," at the American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting and convention in Boston, in November 2006. Her talk was one of three in a session titled, "Vulnerability and Human Rights." At the same conference she gave a poster presentation, "Refugee Participation in Camp Public Health Programs". Both presentations were research projects completed as part of her recently conferred Ph.D. from UC Berkeley.

VALERIE DZUBER, EDD, FNP, RN, Assistant Professor at SMC, presented, "Power of Language in Socioeconomic Development in Laos," at the University of Kebangsaan, Malasia May 15-17, 2007.



California State University East Bay

Cal State East Bay celebrated the launch of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program opening on its Concord Campus with an Open House Event on Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 5:30 to 7:30. A major gift from John Muir Medical Center was instrumental in the start-up of this new site.

On Sunday, February 18, 2007, dozens of CSUEB faculty, staff and students participated in the second annual Super Sunday. The event was organized by staff in the Office of Student Affairs. As part of this event, volunteer CSUEB faculty, staff and students visited 14 churches in Hayward and Oakland in order to talk with African American students and their families and friends about preparing for college. Nursing faculty member, Jacqueline Willetts participated in this event.

CSUEB faculty has been busy participating in career day events this Spring. At the CSUEB campus, two events, the CSUEB Major Exploration Career Fair and the Campus Health Fair provided opportunities for Pam Parlocha, Wendy Couttlen to present information about nursing careers. Other career day events included the Contra Costa Health Career Fair, the Chabot College Health Science Workshop, and the El Camino Hospital Career Rally which involved participants Carolyn Fong, Wendy Couttlen, and Pam Parlocha.

Holy Names University

On May 19, 2007 the largest group of graduate and undergraduate nursing students, in the history of Holy Names University, graduated. Fifty-two graduate students and 43 RN/BSN students marched down the 110 steps from the top of the campus to the grass in front of the library to receive their

diplomas. It was a glorious day for all since most of the RN/BSN students had never been on campus as they were the students in the interactive video conferencing distance program that is broadcast to 10 CHW hospitals each night. Several of the graduate students had also never been on campus as they were at sites in San Bernardino and San Francisco where the program was sent to them also by interactive-video conferencing. Twenty nine of the graduating students were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau this year and attended the 2007 Nu Xi At Large Induction Ceremony. These students came from as far North as Redding and as far South as San Bernardino.

Three of those graduates received special awards that are offered each year to outstanding students. The following students received a certificate and a check for \$500:

- Shayda Behbahani, a graduate student, received the Nursing Leadership Award
- Eric Vincent, a graduate student, received the Spirit of Nursing Award
- Diane Fuller, an undergraduate student, received the Sister Antonia Marie Byrne Perseverance Award.

A fourth award, the Sister Eucharistia Mitchell Award in Nursing (honoring the founder of the nursing programs at HNU) was given to a RN/BSN student. McKenley Muchell, who will graduate next year.

The third group of students (13 in number) in the 2+2 program are on their way to Samuel Merritt College. On April 8, 2007 HNU had a "hands off" celebration for these students where President Nassif honored their completion of the first two years of the program and wished them success in the last two years at Samuel Merritt where they will receive the BSN degree.

Samuel Merritt College

Following more than 30 years of service President Sharon Diaz, a member of the Nu Xi Leadership Succession Committee, begins a six month sabbatical. Dr. Scot Foster, PhD, CRNA, FAAN, the current AVP/Provost, assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer on March 1 to begin a transition leadership period and will become Interim President on July 1 through December 31, 2007. Penny Bamford, PhD, RN, member of the Nu Xi Research Committee, has assumed the role of Interim Academic Vice President.

SMC is pleased with NCLEX results as reported by the BRN covering the period of January 1 through March 31, 2007 which show that all 36 of the Entry-level Master's Degree student in Oakland who took NCLEX during that quarter passed. First quarter 2007 BSN NCLEX results were also positive with a pass rate for first time test-takers of 87.8%, with thirty-six of forty-one students passing.

Pinning Ceremonies were held for pre-licensure nursing students at the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Oakland on May 10, 2007. One hundred and forty-one students were awarded the SMC pin at the ceremony. BSN

student Deborah Chestnut received the Ella Sweep Award for excellence in clinical practice. Speakers at this event included Teresa Tatom from the Intercollegiate Nursing Program and Bruce Mori and Steven Utstein from the Accelerated BSN program. Forty-one students were also pinned at the Sacramento Regional Learning Center on Saturday, April 28, 2007 in Sacramento. Keynote speakers for the event were faculty members Terry Deane and Sue O'Donnell. Student speakers were Elizabeth Sherwood and Eric Brickson.

Commencement Ceremonies were held at Saint Mary's College of California for 49 Intercollegiate BSN students who participated in the Baccalaureate on Friday evening, May 25, at the McKeon Pavilion and Commencement and Reception on Saturday May 26, at the Saint Mary's campus. BSN student Deborah Chestnut received the Ella Sweep Award for excellence in clinical practice. Sarah Rogus-Jones was given the Florence Nightingale Award in recognition of her outstanding academic performance, and demonstration of excellence in clinical practice.

Commencement ceremonies were also held for 95 graduates of the accelerated BSN and 55 graduates of the master's degree nursing programs on Friday, May 25, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. Student speaker was Bruce Mori from the ABSN program on the San Francisco campus. Awards for outstanding achievement were given to: Donna Brackley - MSN Case Management Award; Thomas

Cutillo—Family Nurse Practitioner Award; and Yolanda Pavey—MSN Online Award. Graduates include the second accelerated BSN group and the first students to graduate from the San Francisco campus.



Induction

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Continuing Board Members include Fay Bower, DNSc, RN, who moves from President-Elect to President; Vice Presidents Joan Bard, DEd, RN (elected for another term & representing Samuel Merritt College), Carolyn Harris-Muchell, PhD (Holy Names University) and Kimberly Kim, PhD, RN (CSU East Bay); Treasurer Shirley Dostal, MS, RN; Secretary Laura Brandt, BS, RN; Philanthropy Committee Chair, Enna Trevathan, MSN, MBA, RN, and Research Committee Chair, Marcia Canton, PhD, RN, Governance Committee member Sarah Hampson, and Newsletter Editor, Abby Heydman, PhD, RN.



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Fall Membership Meeting

**Holy Names University
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**Wednesday, October 24, 2007
5:00–6:30 PM**

Speaker: Sylvia Bertram, DNSc, RN

Board of Directors Meeting to Follow