Two Nu Xi at Large members from SMU, Associate Professor Patricia Brennan, PhD, RN and Assistant Professor, Kate Shade, PhD, RN, presented papers at the 24th STTI International Nursing Research Congress in Prague, the Czech Republic on July 22-26, 2013. Pictured in the photo above, both faculty members reported that the Congress was an exciting venue in which to share their research findings. The theme of the Congress was: “Bridge the Gap Between Research and Practice Through Collaboration”. Ms. Shade received a grant from the STTI Foundation for Nursing Leadership Education in partial support for attending the event and both faculty members, active members of Nu Xi at Large, received travel funds from Nu Xi to assist in offsetting part of the cost of travel.
President’s Message to Nu Xi Members

Fellow colleagues in Nu Xi At Large,

This has been a very exciting time for our chapter. Below are just a few of the wonderful activities and accomplishments for Nu Xi At Large during this past year. A special thanks to all of you who helped to make these things happen:

• Celebrated our 20th Anniversary in January with a keynote address by David Vlahov, RN, PhD, FAAN, Dean at the UCSF School of Nursing.

• The chapter gave its first “Friend of Nursing Award” to Country Joe McDonald, a musical icon from the 1960s and 1970s. Country Joe provided a tribute to nurses and Florence Nightingale at the Anniversary Event.

• Held our Hall of Fame event to honor special accomplishments of members.

• Inducted 350 new members.

• Recruited two new Student Leadership Interns.

• Provided grants to support research by members and supported two members to present their research projects at the STTI Research Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

• Provided scholarships for six nursing students at our affiliated schools.

• Provided toiletries collected by members to local homeless shelters & low income housing units & donated clothing, socks, and toiletries to the Alameda County Homeless Shelters.

• Donated money for supplies & support of SMU students and faculty for a medical mission in Ghana.

• Donated money to the Davis Street Primary Care Clinic, a free clinic for the underserved in Alameda County.

• Sponsored a conference on Evidence-Based Practice with Washington Hospital and Healthcare System in Fremont, CA.

• Received two Showcase of Regional Excellence awards from Sigma Theta Tau International for Responding to Vulnerable Populations and for our Collaboration with community agencies and healthcare organizations.

• Provided educational programs. An example was “Providing Culturally Sensitive Care to Transgender Clients”.

• Received word from STTI that Nu Xi will receive its 6th Chapter Key Award.

These are just some of the things our chapter and its members have done and are continuing to do in order to be a valuable, relevant, and meaningful organization for our members and for nurses throughout the world.

I invite all of us to ask ourselves “What difference do I want to make in the Nu Xi Chapter At Large and to Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)?” Consider the numerous volunteer opportunities that exist at the chapter, regional, and international level. For example, you may decide that you wish to make a difference by serving as an organizer of a community service project, or as the chairperson or member of a committee, or as an officer of the organization. Maybe you would like to serve as a mentor in the chapter mentoring program. Or, you may choose to make a difference by making an annual donation to provide scholarships to nursing students. And, if you go to the website for STTI International and type VIProfile in the search box, you will be able to list areas of interest for contribution to STTI in general. Please take the opportunity to do this.

I ask you to join with me and the Board of Directors to create an environment that excites current members and entices others to join. Let us know what program topics and/or service areas that may be of interest to you. We honor and support the mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, which is “to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide”. And, we support STTI’s goals as we look to our future. These goals are:

• Create Your Legacy
• Engage In Collaboration
• Respond to Vulnerable Populations
• Embrace Technology

STTI and Nu Xi At Large provide the opportunity for nurses to help each other, the profession, and positively impact healthcare locally, nationally, and worldwide.

Check out the STTI and Nu Xi At Large websites and our Facebook pages. Please feel free to contact me at amullins29@comcast.net to let me know how you would like to be involved and/or any suggestions you might have. There is always room at our table.

Respectfully yours,
Anna C. Mullins, RN, PhD.
President
Nu Xi Board of Directors Strategic Planning

Newly elected members and outgoing members of the Nu Xi at Large Board of Directors met on August 24, 2013 at Samuel Merritt University for their annual Board Retreat. This event is a transition meeting where outgoing board members provide orientation for new members and a new strategic plan is proposed. President Anna Mullins presided.

Treasurer Nancy Haugen proposed the new budget for the upcoming year.

Candidates Needed for Upcoming Nu Xi Elections.

Nu Xi needs your talent and energy! The Leadership Succession Committee is looking for good candidates to serve as future officers of the Chapter. There is an immediate need for a member from CSUEB and HNU to be appointed to the Leadership Succession Committee. In addition, positions for which candidates are needed for the 2014-2016 election include: President-elect (also makes a commitment to serve as President in 2016-18), Vice President-HNU, Secretary, Faculty Counselor – HNU, Faculty Counselor CSUEB, & Faculty Counselor SMU. Voting will be completed in March 2014 and candidates will assume their positions on July 1, 2014. Interested members should consult with Bobbie Richards, Chair of the Leadership Succession Committee for information on these positions. rrichards@samuelmerritt.edu.

President Sharon Diaz Celebrates 40 Years of Leadership at SMU

Forty years at Samuel Merritt University (SMU) has earned President Sharon Diaz many accolades. People who have worked closely with her choose words like “indomitable, savvy, strategic, tenacious and visionary” to describe her. Sharon's success in shepherding the institution through four decades of remarkable change and expansion is widely attributed to her ability to build relationships with people and bring them together. A founding member of Nu Xi at Large Chapter, President. Diaz has been a nursing leader throughout her long nursing career.
With a lot of help from her colleagues, Sharon transformed a hospital-based diploma school of nursing into an intercollegiate baccalaureate program - the first school in the country to do so - and eventually into a health sciences university offering five disciplines and a mix of master's and doctoral degrees. She was honored for her work in higher education with an honorary doctoral degree from Saint Mary's College of California in 1999 and received the Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award in 2001 and the Excellence in Philanthropy Award in 2005 both from Nu Xi at Large Chapter.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in nursing from San Jose State University, Sharon went to work in the intensive care unit at Kaiser. Soon after, her alma mater called and asked if she was interested in teaching and she decided to try it. “I liked working with students,” she recalls. “I liked turning on the light, showing them that it wasn’t what I knew but how they understood it.”

She took the teaching job at Samuel Merritt because she says she liked its passion for preserving the tradition of excellent clinical education as well as its willingness to buck trends. A subsequent attempt by the faculty to form a union failed and resulted in many of the teachers quitting, but Sharon remained.

In 1976, she was appointed acting director and then director of the School of Nursing. In many ways, it was trial by fire. With few faculty left and an accreditation report due, Sharon struggled to stay afloat. She was not familiar with the hospital bureaucracy and enrollment was beginning to drop. She also had a baby son, who she would place on the floor while meeting with students. Six years later, Sharon was appointed to be the school’s first president. Since then, the woman who describes herself in her early years as “a real rabble rouser” has never shied away from a challenge or resisted change.

Dr. Con Hopper, board member and former Chair of the SMU Board of Regents, says that Sharon has continually “pushed the boundaries” by strategically adding new programs to SMU’s academic portfolio, always considering the advantage to the University as well as the benefit to the community it serves. Perhaps her boldest choice was to merge with the California College of Podiatric Medicine, a prestigious school that had fallen on financial hard times. Dr. Hopper recalls that it was a decision met with some skepticism by the board, but turned out to be a good one. “It was a great school fulfilling a need and presented a great opportunity for Samuel Merritt to increase its visibility and credibility,” he says.

A special gala event will be held on October 12, 2013, at the Dunsmuir House in Oakland to honor President Diaz and to increase its visibility and credibility, “he says. Over the years, applications for funding have grown, resulting in an inability to fund noteworthy projects. A key goal of the Foundation is to double its endowment in order to meet growing needs. To this end, the Board of Directors at Nu Xi at Large voted to contribute $5,000 to the Foundation over a two year period and have also agreed to contribute $100 as part of a gift to be made by the 26 Chapters of Region 1 to the Foundation.

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The Research Committee has put out a call for research application submissions for Nu Xi funding for the current year. Approximately $3,500 has been allocated to support research grants this year. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2013. Members are encouraged to contact Denise Liu, Chair of the Research Committee, for information and directions for submission of grant proposals. Denise.liu@csueastbay.edu

Nu Xi and STTI Fellows Support the STTI Foundation

STTI Fellows Anna Mullins, Abby Heydman, Fay Bower, Roberta Richards
(not pictured: Juli Maxworthy, Enna Trevethan)

Scholarships Awarded to Nursing Students at Local Colleges

Each year Nu Xi at Large raises funds to award scholarships...
for six nursing students at our three affiliated schools of nursing: California State University East Bay, Holy Names University, & Samuel Merritt University. This year the two awardees from Samuel Merritt include Amanda Ton and Micah Machina. The recipients of the Nu Xi at Large Nursing Scholarships for Holy Names University are Tina Maria Chaney, a BSN student, and Aaron Frailey, an MSN student. Names and biographies of CSUEB students will be included in the next newsletter.

Amanda Ton, a student in the Entry Level MSN - Family Nurse Practitioner program at SMU, has many personal reasons to be committed to a career in nursing. Recently, her two year old cousin was diagnosed with lung cancer. At that time, the family had just had a recent loss of a loved one and the news of her younger cousin was devastating. This all happened when Amanda was going through clinical rotations and was working in a pediatric setting. It was difficult for her to see children and families distraught like hers. However, she learned how to cope and was able to help her family through the process. Amanda’s short term goals include working in a community health setting and becoming a Nurse Practitioner. She hopes to expand her passion globally and teach in either a classroom or a clinical setting. She states, “I believe in giving back and continue being a role model to others as others have done for me.”

Micah Machina, a BSN student at SMU, is the first in her family to attend college. When she was just a young girl, she had a bad fall and broke her epiphysis plate but was misdiagnosed by the hospital and put in a cast. When her mother took her to another doctor, she got the proper diagnosis and was able to get the appropriate treatment. If it hadn’t been for the correct diagnosis, Micah could have lost use of her foot. This single event that occurred when she was just a child is why she wants to pursue a career in nursing and help those in need. Micah states, “My greatest goal in life is to become a nurse and to be the first person in my family to earn a college degree.” Micah’s long-time dream is to obtain a Master’s Degree in Nursing. She has an anticipated date of graduation of December 2014.

Amanda Ton, Micah Machina, Aaron Frailey (with family), and Tina Marie Chaney

Aaron Frailey, BSN, RN, is currently beginning his second year as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) student at HNU. He calls Bakersfield, California his home after spending the last 17 years in various environments in the nursing field, ranging from pediatric and adult emergency rooms while working in nine different states. His experience has allowed him to work in over 30 different emergency rooms, including the ability to enjoy cruise ship nursing. God has blessed Aaron with a wonderful supportive wife and two beautiful girls to enjoy this journey of life, work and school. He writes, “I plan on working as a FNP in the emergency room after graduation and my long term goal is to complete my Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) within the next five years.”

Tina Marie Chaney, an LVN to BSN student at Holy Names University, has been an LVN for 23 years delivering care to patients and their families in Pediatrics, NICU, Post Partum, Med/Surg, Hospice, and currently Outpatient Surgery. Together with her husband she raised four children in the Bay Area. After their last child graduated and joined the US Air force, Tina Marie went back to school to pursue her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. She is currently in her final semester at Holy Names University where she has successfully maintained a GPA of 3.8. Tina Marie began her journey of LVN to BSN with aspirations of becoming a Wound and Ostomy Nurse, however after completing her Leadership rotation she believes that her calling is to Patient Care Coordination.

Annual Fund Scholarship Drive Goal Set for 2013-14

Members will soon receive their annual letter from the President of Nu Xi at Large making a case for donations for the Annual Fund. Money raised in this appeal is used to fund six scholarships for nursing students at our three universities. Last year just over $2,800 was raised in this appeal and we hope to do better this year as the need for scholarship funding is so great. Please respond generously.
SCHOOL NEWS

HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY

Fay Bower Retiring

Fay Bower, PhD, RN, FAAN, has announced her retirement from Holy Names University effective September 1, 2013 after 12 years serving as Professor, Chairman of the Department of Nursing, and Special Counselor. Fay was instrumental in the development of the master’s degree program, the distance learning BSN program, and the LVN-BSN programs at HNU. She was honored by President William Hynes with the President’s Medal at Commencement in 2011. The medal is awarded to a person who has brought value to Holy Names University and its mission. Dr. Bower was the first faculty member and administrator to receive this honor at the University. Dr. Hynes acknowledged that Dr. Bower’s leadership was responsible for the growth and development of the Department of Nursing, significantly enhancing the University’s financial health and well being. Previously, Fay served as President of Clarkson University, Academic Vice President and Dean for Nursing at the University of San Francisco, and faculty member and chair at San Jose State University School of Nursing. She is a Past President of Sigma Theta Tau International and has served Nu Xi at Large for the past 12 years as President, President-elect, Treasurer, Mentoring Committee Chair and generous volunteer on numerous projects. Fay plans to continue her active involvement in Nu Xi at Large where she currently serves as Chairman of the Mentoring Committee.

New Faculty Appointments

Jennifer Winters, RN, GNP, PhD, Assistant Professor, expert in gerontology, and Debora Halloran, RN, MSN, Instructor, have been appointed to the faculty at HNU. Deborah will be teaching pediatrics in our LVN to BSN program and Jennifer will be teaching in the BSN and MSN programs.

New Labs Opened

New simulation and skills labs have been completed at HNU. The president of HNU will sponsor an open house highlighting the Nursing Simulation Center to the Board of Trustees on Semester 16, 2013. Small touches, such as installation of curtains, will be completed in the coming week.

2013 School Year Begins

We have had a very busy summer, with a growing number of students interested in graduate studies. We are ready to roll for 2013-2014 school year! There are currently about 140 LVN-BSN students, 92 MSN students, of which 78 are FNP. The MSN/MBA program has 12 students enrolled and we just received Faculty Senate approval for our RN-MSN program which will begin this next spring. We will have 2 tracks: Nurse Educator and Nursing Administration.

SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY

Facilities & Program Expansion

The post-professional FNP program has been expanded at the Sacramento Learning Center, leading to the addition of approximately 5,000 square feet of additional lab and office space. Clinical simulation facilities have also been expanded at the San Francisco Peninsula Learning Center to permit full use of simulation experiences to enhance teaching of clinical skills at that site.

Daisy Awards

Daisy Awards were given recently to nursing faculty mem-

bers Canyon Steinzig, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, ELMSN program, and Rene Engelhart, MS, RN, Assistant Professor & Managing Director of the Sacramento Learning Center for their outstanding care and compassion in service to nursing students. The Daisy Awards were established by the Daisy Foundation to honor extraordinary nurses who make a difference in their daily work.

Terri Gwin presenting the Daisy Award to Canyon Steinzig
Faculty in Leadership Roles

Tammy Valenta, RN, MSN, FNP, has been elected as the new chair of the School of Nursing Assembly (SONA). Nursing faculty are also active in the SMU Faculty Organization with Teri Gwin, RN, FNP, PhD, elected as President, Jennifer McAdam, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, as Vice-President; Rhonda Ramirez, RN, EdD, FNP, President-Elect; and Kate Shade, RN, PhD, Secretary.

Dean’s Leadership Development Group

The first cohort of faculty have completed a leadership development program sponsored by Audrey Berman, Dean, SMU School of Nursing. This program aims to provide content, opportunity, and guidance in the mentoring of selected early-to-mid-career, doctorally prepared nursing faculty who have not held academic leadership positions but are interested in developing into such roles. Seven faculty members completed the first year of the program and a second cohort has been initiated. The program has served as a stepping stone to program and department chair or managing director positions for those who have participated.

Enrollment Fall 2013 & New Faculty

Enrollment in the School of Nursing for fall 2012 was 927 students and is anticipated to be approximately 950 students in fall 2013 due to growth in the DNP and masters programs. The number of faculty at SMU for Fall 2013 is eighty-two full time faculty members in addition to part-time faculty. Several new faculty have been appointed across the three SMU nursing campuses since Fall 2012. These faculty include:

• Kirsten Preusse, Assistant Professor (Oakland)

Ms. Preusse received her MSN with critical care specialty at Okanagan University College, BC, Canada. From 2003 - 2010, Ms. Preusse has served as a RN and Nurse Educator in ICU critical care and medical surgical nursing instruction primarily for the BSN program. In the coming year, Kirsten is scheduled to provide didactic and clinical primarily for the BSN program.

• Sharon Demeter, MA, RN, Associate Managing Director (Sacramento RLC)

Ms. Demeter received her MS in Women's Health in 2001, her MA in Clinical Psychology in 1992, and her BA in Psychology in 1988. Ms. Demeter has served as a doula for five years, and a nurse midwife for thirteen years. Prior to accepting the AMD role with the Sacramento Regional Learning Center, she was also an adjunct faculty with SMU. Sharon transitioned to her new role in January 2013.

• Pamela Eiselman, Assistant Professor (Oakland)

Ms. Eiselman received her MSN from Holy Names in 2010, and her BSN from SMU in 1996. Ms. Eiselman has served as a member of our adjunct faculty since 2004. From 1997 to 2004, Pam also served as a RN with several medical centers including Summit Medical Center and John Muir Medical Center. Ms. Eiselman has received several academic honors, including the Albert Schweitzer Lifetime Fellowship Award in 2010. Ms. Eiselman will teach didactic and clinical primarily for the BSN program.

• Joseph Janakes, Associate Director, Nurse Anesthesia (Oakland)

Mr. Janakes received his MSN in Nurse Anesthesia (2006) and his BSN (2003) from Samuel Merritt University, and a BA in Political Science in 2001 from UC Davis. From 2003 to 2005, Joseph served as a Staff RN with San Francisco General Hospital, and has been a staff anesthetist with The Permanente Group since 2006. Mr. Janakes has received multiple honors and awards, including the Nightingale Award in 2012 and MSN of the Year in 2006. A guest lecturer and clinical preceptor for Kaiser Permanente and SMU since 2006, Joseph transitioned to his new role in September 2012.

• Erick Pierce, Assistant Professor (Oakland)

Mr. Pierce received his post-Master's degree in Nurse Anesthesia from SMU, his MSN from UCSF in 2008, and his BSN from Pennsylvania State University in 1998. Erick has served as a CRNA with Kaiser Permanente and the Alameda County Medical Center since 2011. Mr. Pierce has significant RN experience with several hospitals, including Lucille Packard Children's Hospital and UC Davis Medical Center. He has received multiple honors and awards, including the SMU Dr. Charles J. Rovinsky Award for Scholarship, Clinical Excellence, and Professionalism in 2010. Erick joins SMU’s Nurse Anesthesia program.

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In 2012, Kate Shade, currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at Samuel Merritt University, defended her dissertation “Father identity development among youth involved in the juvenile justice system” at the University of California, San Francisco. She presented the findings of her dissertation in two poster sessions and one podium presentation and published one theory and two data-based papers. Shade remembers attending a class in academic role development, taught by then Dean of the School of Nursing at UCSF, Kathy Dracup. Dean Dracup advised the class, “Do not ever present a paper at a conference unless you are fully committed to publishing the paper. A successful academic researcher is ensuring that any paper that he or she has presented at a national or international conference is also published in a timely manner.” The process of writing for publication is an arduous task, Shade has learned, but one made easier by taking the first step in the form of a poster or podium presentation.

Since graduating with her doctorate in nursing, Shade has worked on an evaluation of a program of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for incarcerated juvenile offenders. In November of 2012, she presented a poster about treatment options for detained youth after conducting an extensive review of the literature. In July, Shade presented a paper about interventions to reduce recidivism among adolescents involved in the juvenile justice system as part of an evidence-based practice session on solutions for vulnerable youth during Sigma Theta Tau International’s Nursing Research Congress. Shade describes attendance at the STTI conference as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. “I met so many world-renowned nurses, people who I have read about, researchers whose work I have admired, visionaries who have advanced the nursing workforce, promoted nursing research, and improved the quality of nursing care. Everyone I met at the conference was unbelievably kind. A couple of well-known nurse scientists offered me all kinds of support, from suggesting funding mechanisms to editing papers. I was honored to be present among such exemplary leaders.”

Attendance at an international conference is a costly event. Shade received support from the STTI foundation for nursing in the form of a leadership education grant. She also received financial support from the local chapter, Nu Xi, as well as support from Samuel Merritt University. “I am grateful for the financial support I received to travel to Prague. There is something special about attending an international conference. I was able to take one week out of my very busy schedule to do nothing but learn from my colleagues and share information about my research with others working in the field of forensics, correctional health care, and violence prevention.” The highlight, Shade said, was presenting with two nurses who have conducted research within the justice system: Elizabeth McCay, Research Chair in Urban Health and Associate Professor at Ryerson University in Toronto, who presented her research about cognitive behavioral programming for homeless youth and Mary Byrne, Professor in Clinical Health Care for the Underserved at Columbia University who has done extensive research with mothers and infants in prison who use the prison nursery system. “Talking with international nurse researchers familiar with correctional health care and the juvenile justice system was inspirational. I came back with a renewed interest in my research and with a greater sense of purpose and direction than I had before the conference. I highly recommend that new nurse researchers attend the Scientific Congress. There is tremendous support for those of us at the beginning of a career in academia. The conference is in Hong Kong next year. Go!”

(Article by Kate Shade)
The University of California Center for Nursing Research & Innovation in collaboration with the Greater Bay Area STTI Chapters presents:

A Research Days Event
October 24 & 25, 2013

Workshops on conducting evidenced-based practice, research abstracts, & poster presentations

South San Francisco Convention Center
For more information, please contact: maria.choa@ucsf.edu

The Greater Bay Area STTI/Region 1 Chapters & Delta Omicron Chapter Invite you to join us for a collaborative program event

“Promoting a Healthy Workplace Environment”
Keynote Speaker: Carol Huston, RN, MSN, DPA, Past President STTI

June 7, 2014
8:30AM-4:00 PM

Continuing Education Contact Hours to be Awarded.
Contact aheydman@samuelmerritt.edu for more information
Solicitation of abstracts & poster presentations to be announced shortly.
Members are urged to send news items on presentations, publications, and honors to heydmanabfr@msn.com for inclusion in the newsletter and to provide a record for the chapter’s annual report to STTI.

Patricia Brennan, PhD, RN, MS, DFNP, Associate Professor, Samuel Merritt University & Genetics and Genomics Competency Center, Editorial Board, National Institutes of Health, National Human Genome Research Institute, presented a paper in the Research Sessions of the 24th STTI International Nursing Research Congress in Prague, Czech Republic on July 22, 2013. The title of her paper, was “Access to Liver Transplantation: Gender, Race and Geographic Disparities...Policy Implications”.


Rye Huber, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU is stepping down as a faculty member after 22 years of teaching. Dr. Huber has been appointed Associate Director of Alumni Affairs and Development for the School of Nursing and will assume this part time position on August 4. In this role, Dr. Huber will develop programs to engage and cultivate current students and alumni. She will also work with major donors seeking support for scholarships and other SoN initiatives. Dr. Huber will also maintain a part time position in the SoN as a member of the clinical coordination team, working with Liz Sibson-Tuan, Bobbie Richards, and Kasie Lemmer.

Garry Johnson, RN, DHS, MS, former Assistant Professor, SMU and Dr. Peter Miskin, RN, DHS former Assistant Professor, SMU received their Doctor of Health Sciences degree from A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences. Garry’s topic was Student Nurse Awareness and Recognition of Deteriorating Patients and Peter studied Student Nurse Cultural Competency. Gary and Peter are staying on as Adjunct Faculty in the School of Nursing primarily at the San Francisco Peninsula Learning Center.

Sarah Keating, EdD, RN, FAAN, has retired after serving as the Arthur Emerson Orvis Endowed Professor at the University of Nevada Reno. She has recently moved into a new home in Newberry, central Florida where she is working on the 3rd edition of her popular text, Curriculum Development and Evaluation in Nursing published by Springer Publishing Company. Sarah formerly served as Dean of the School of Nursing at SMU.

Mileva Saulo Lewis, EdD, RN, SMU Professor & Managing Director of the San Francisco Peninsula Learning Center, presented a paper, (2013). “Changing moral distress to moral courage: Let’s go back to kindergarten.” American Association of Critical Care Nurses, South Bay Chapter.

Pam Minarik, PhD, RN, Professor, SMU, has the following publications and presentations to report:


Bobbi Richards, MA, RN, chaired the Awards Committee for STTI Region One for the 2-13-15 Biennium. Bobbi has recently become a Sigma Theta Tau International Fellow due to her support for the STTI Foundation. Bobbi has also been serving this year on the STTI Chapter Charter Task Force and as a judge for the STTI Founders’ Awards.

Kathryn (Kate) Shade, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, SMU, presented a paper at the 24th International Nursing Research Congress in Prague, Czech Republic held July 22-26, 2013 , titled “Reducing recidivism among youthful offenders: Evidence-based practice strategies”. Kate received a Leadership Education grant of $750 from Sigma Theta Tau STTI to pay for registration fees.

Michelle Tellez, PhD, RN, faculty member at CSUEB has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and has been awarded a sabbatical for 2013-14. She is currently completing an appointment as a Visiting Professor at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, S.A. for the summer 2013. Dr. Tellez presented a poster titled, The Recession of 2007 and the California RN Population” at Academy Health Research Meeting in Boston and reports that a manuscript by the same name has been accepted for publication in the peer reviewed journal, Policy Politics and Nursing Practice.

**NU XI CHAPTER AT LARGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013–2014**

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6:00 PM – 8 PM                         | Samuel Merritt University. Room HED 311
Speaker Aisha Mays, MD, “Screening, Assessing, & Working with Commercially Exploited Youth.” 1 CEU |
| 42nd STTI Biennial Convention             | November 16-20, 2013          | Indianapolis, Indiana
Go to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) |
| Annual Business Meeting & Spring General Membership Program | March 6, 2014
6:00-8:00 PM                           | CSUEB, Concord Campus, Redwood Room
4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd.
Concord, CA 94521 |
| STTI Nursing Education Research Conference | April 3-5, 2014               | STTI-Hotel TBA, Indiana
Abstract Deadline October 9, 2013 |
| Nu Xi Induction Ceremony                  | April 26, 2014                | Location TBA. Speaker: Jennifer Winters, PhD, RN, GNP
Presentation Title: The Experience of Newly Licensed Registered Nurses in Caring for Older Adults During Acute Hospitalization |
| European Region STTI Research Conference  | June 17-19 2014               | Goteburg, Sweden, hosted by the Tau Omega Chapter |
| 25th STTI International Nursing Research Congress | July 24-28, 2014             | Hong Kong, China
Go to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) for more info. |
| Board of Directors Retreat                | August 23, 2014               | Holy Names University Room TBA |
| STTI Leadership Institute                 | September (TBA), 2014        | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| Fall Membership Meeting                   | November 12, 2014             | Holy Names University. Room, speaker, topic TBA |

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**FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

Wednesday, November 13, 2013
6:00 PM – 8 PM
Samuel Merritt University. Room—HEC 311

Speaker Aisha Mays, MD, “Screening, Assessing, & Working with Commercially Exploited Youth”
1 CEU

Food and drink provided.
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