

Honorable News!



Winter 2021

The mission of the Omega Omicron Chapter of Sigma is of advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Society Newsletter, Volume 4, Issue 2

From the President

Greetings everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well. Here is an update on what has occurred since our last newsletter. Due to the pandemic, we are still holding our events virtually, including our upcoming Induction and Spring Summit.

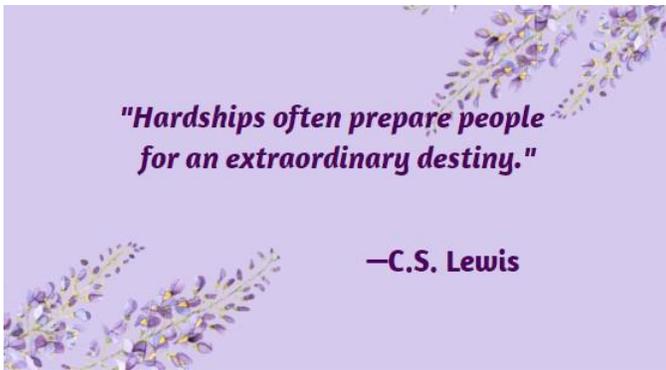
As of this update, the 46th Biennial Convention is wrapping up. We are on our last day of attending (virtually) as delegates. It has been a remarkable experience. There were many presentations and discussions, and it has been great to meet (virtually) the presenters and our leaders of Sigma Theta Tau. It is wonderful to see the leadership and community involvement that is being done around the world by our Sigma Theta Tau members!

Speaking of presentations and conventions, as a member of Sigma, I want to remind everyone that Sigma provides free online continuing nursing education (CNE) courses for nurses. There is a large selection to choose from, along with options to pay for some if you wanted. On our website

<http://omegaomicron.sigmanursing.org/home> (works best to copy and paste this address in the web browser) you can find the link to be able to access these courses, along with finding information on any upcoming webinars (all which provide contact hours). Our next one is "Patient Centered Care: A Term Widely Used and Often Poorly Understood" and is presented by Ruth VanHeukelom, DNP, RN on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6pm Central. I invite you to attend.

Melissa Kidrowski
Omega Omicron Chapter President





Outstanding Nursing Student Award:

The Outstanding Nursing Student Award recognizes an individual nursing student who is enrolled in a nursing program currently and demonstrates a commitment to the advancement of their education in a nursing program.

See the Omega Omicron Website for details about the award nomination applications and process at

<http://omegaomicron.org/Awards.php>

Omega Omicron Awards Nomination Call—Nominate Yourself or Another Nurse

It is that time of year to make an award nomination for a deserving nurse to receive an Omega Omicron Award!

Nominations are accepted via the application forms attached with each award description and via email

to stella.nwachukwu@smsu.edu by February 18th, 2022

The 2022 Awards are:

Berniece E. Morris Scholarship

Award: The Berniece E. Morris Scholarship is an annual \$300 Memorial Academic Scholarship for Registered Nurses that are continuing their education in a formal academic program (RN to BSN, MSN, EdD, DNP, PhD, etc.).

Emerging Nurse Leader Award:

The Emerging Nurse Leader Award recognizes a nurse who provides inspiration and demonstrate commitment to those they serve.

Excellence in Nursing Leadership

Award: The Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award recognizes a nurse leader for their achievements in the profession and at their organization who demonstrates exemplary leadership in their healthcare specialty.

OMEGA OMICRON CHAPTER

MEMBER SERVICE

ALL OMEGA OMICRON MEMBERS WANTED!

Whether you are new to Sigma or have been in Sigma for years, Omega Omicron wants you! We have small to large leadership/committee roles available! Please volunteer today!

CONTACT:
Nancyruth Leibold at nancyruth.leibold@smsu.edu

Nancyruth will help you find a volunteer position anywhere from one to twenty hours per year with Omega Omicron!

2022-24 Call for Omega Omicron Chapter Officer Nominees

Submitted by Dr. Faith Johnson
Leadership Succession Chair

The Leadership Succession Committee wishes to extend a call for chapter officer nominations for the office/committee positions listed below. Please feel free to nominate a potential candidate or self-nominate to serve your chapter — we need you!!

Positions for the 2022-24 Ballot include:

Note: the terms start July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024

President-Elect:

The primary function of the President-Elect (two-year term) is to shadow the current president and observe Society operations until the end of the term, at which time the President-Elect succeeds into the role as president (two-year term). (four-year commitment)

Faculty Counselor:

The counselor is responsible for selecting candidates based on membership eligibility criteria determined by the Society bylaws and the exception guidelines chosen by the Governance Committee. The counselor is also responsible for sending membership invitations and managing the induction process. The counselor serves as Chair of the Governance Committee.

Secretary:

The Society secretary is responsible for recording and distributing meetings minutes, along with preparing and distributing Society correspondence. Secretaries can chair and/or serve on committees as needed.

Program Chair:

Leads the development of the Annual Conference, and two educational webinars each year. Serves as the Director of the Annual Research/Practice Conference.

Detailed roles and responsibilities of Omega Omicron Leaders are found on the website under the menu heading: **Role Descriptions** at:

<http://omegaomicron.org/resources/Roles%20of%20the%20Board%20of%20Directors%2C%20Officers%2C%20Committees%20%20June%202025%2C%202018.pdf>

We (the Leadership Succession Committee) thank our members for the opportunity to serve our chapter and chapter membership—and look forward to receiving your candidate nominations. Please email nominations to Leadership Succession Chair, Faith Johnson at faith.johnson@smsu.edu

Thank you!

The Leadership Succession Committee

Faith Johnson
Leah Donner
Nancyruth Leibold

*"I think a hero is any person
really intent on making this a
better place for all people."*



Maya Angelou

From the Omega Omicron Counselor

Submitted by Dr. Laurie Johansen, Chapter Counselor

Greetings to all!

It is a pleasure, as the Omega Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)! Through my role as counselor for the chapter, I provide our students with information about STTI, a professional nursing organization that advances leadership and scholarship in practice, education, and research to enhance the health of all people. I also have the privilege to invite qualified students to be part of Omega Omicron. This semester we have a record number of students joining Omega Omicron- so exciting!

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of Omega Omicron Honor Society:

- Esther Agbor
- Chad Baumgartner
- Jodi Bittner
- Vanessa Ervin
- Brielle Griese
- Sherrie Herendeen
- Kelly Howe
- Trinitie Kedrowski
- Lindsey Maneval
- Amanda Mattson
- Katie Nelson
- Ashley Nicholson
- Justina Nwakama
- Roxanne Peterson
- Genine Piro
- Alexandria Rootkie
- Jane Siocha
- Cynthia Thaemert
- Michelle Van Meveren

With our growing number of members, our chapter continues to meet our mission. This could not happen without members like you!



Omega Omicron Chapter

Successful Fall Webinar Completed: Spring Webinar Announced

Submitted by Laura Hoffman, DNP, RN, CPHQ, Program Chair

The Omega Omicron program committee was proud to offer a fantastic educational webinar on October 12, 2021, presented by Dr. Stephanie Armstrong. The presentation was entitled *Identification and Response to Human Trafficking: An Introduction to What Healthcare Workers Need to Know*. Over 17 webinar attendees took advantage of learning more about human trafficking, identification of trafficked persons, vulnerability factors for exploitation, the nurse's role regarding human trafficking, and available resources. We hope you can join us again on February 1, 2022, at 6pm Central for our spring educational webinar titled *Patient-Centered Care: A Term Widely Used and Often Poorly Understood*. Dr. Ruth VanHeukelom will illustrate variables linked to patient-centered care and associated practices. Mark your calendars now – you will not want to miss this opportunity. Be on the lookout for a save the date email coming to your inbox soon!

Omega Omicron Website Update

Submitted by Nancyruth Leibold, Omega Omicron Webmaster

The Omega Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International has two websites. The first website is our comprehensive website at

<http://omegaomicron.org/> and includes the latest information about our upcoming educational programs, the current and archives of newsletters, Omega Omicron archives, calendar of events, award information and more!



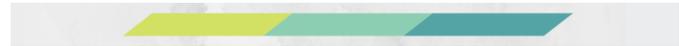
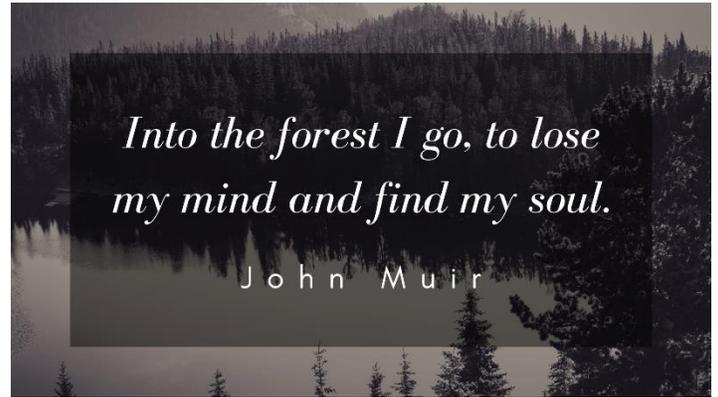
Image: Omega Omicron Website

The second website is housed at the international office of Sigma Theta Tau at <http://omegaomicron.sigmanursing.org/omegaomicron/home>



Welcome to the Omega Omicron Chapter!

Image: Omega Omicron Website at Sigma



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