

Sigma Chapter Newsletter

ALPHA THETA
CHAPTER

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Here's what has happened recently in our chapter and what's to come!

Welcome to the latest edition of our chapter's newsletter! We are proud to celebrate two outstanding members of our chapter who were awarded project funding through the Sigma Alpha Theta Chapter Nursing Initiative:

- Simone Jackson, BSN, RN, PhDc received a \$4,000 Research Proposal Award for her project examining the relationship between pain sensitivity, modulation, and cannabis use in adults with sickle cell disease.
- Audrey Anglon, BSN, RN, CCRN received a \$1,000 DNP Project Award for her faith-based stroke and health education program serving an African American church congregation in East Alachua County.

These awards reflect our chapter's continued commitment to advancing nursing science, innovation, and community-engaged research.

In addition, we were excited to host Spring 2026 Induction Ceremonies in both Gainesville and Jacksonville—marking the return of dual-location inductions for the first time in several years. It was inspiring to welcome our newest members into Sigma and celebrate their achievements and commitment to nursing excellence.

Lastly, our chapter has been awarded the chapter key award again this year (NOV 2026)!!



Thank you again for being a member of our chapter. Please let us know if you have any ideas for upcoming chapter events and activities.

Enjoy reading this newsletter!



Toni Lindsey
Chapter President

Chapter Member Highlights



Alyssa Wheeler, BSN Candidate

Alyssa continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership, scholarship, and service within the College of Nursing and beyond. As President of the Pre-Professional Service Organization, she has led an organization of over 400 members, contributing to more than 8,000 service hours annually while fostering a strong culture of engagement and impact.

Alyssa is also an Honors Research Student and will be presenting her research at UF Research Day, showcasing her work on improving postpartum education and patient outcomes. In addition to her academic achievements, she serves as a Sigma Alpha Theta intern, where she contributes to chapter initiatives and leadership efforts. Her dedication to leadership, research, and service exemplifies the mission and values of Sigma.



Taylor Weinbauer, BSN Student

Taylor exemplifies dedication to clinical excellence, research, and service as she prepares to graduate Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has gained diverse clinical experience across multiple specialties, including intensive care and emergency settings, and is currently working as a nurse intern in a high-acuity emergency department where she participates in critical care interventions and interdisciplinary teamwork.

In addition to her clinical work, Taylor is actively engaged in undergraduate research focused on pediatric critical care and contributes to Sigma Alpha Theta initiatives as an intern. She is also co-leading efforts to organize a Sigma fundraiser benefiting the Ronald McDonald House, demonstrating her strong commitment to service and community impact.

Taylor's passion for patient care, leadership, and lifelong learning reflects the values of Sigma and the future of nursing excellence.



Nursing Excellence in Research: Jerry Armah, BSN, PhD Candidate

Jerry Armah, a PhD candidate at the University of Florida College of Nursing, continues to make significant contributions to nursing science through his work in cancer symptom science, with a focus on understanding the biological and clinical mechanisms underlying symptom experiences.

His growing body of scholarship includes multiple peer-reviewed publications and collaborative research efforts addressing cancer-related outcomes, symptom management, and global health topics.

Jerry's work has contributed to interdisciplinary research initiatives, including studies on cancer survivorship, symptom burden, and intervention strategies, reflecting a strong commitment to advancing evidence-based practice. He has also been recognized for his academic and research excellence, including being honored among distinguished students in the College of Nursing for his contributions to research and service.

Through his dedication to rigorous research, collaboration, and innovation, Jerry exemplifies the mission of Sigma in advancing nursing knowledge and improving health outcomes at both local and global levels.



Community Engagement

Earlier this year, our chapter organized a Coat Donation and Peaceful Paths Drive, supporting individuals and families in need. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we donated over \$300 worth of goods to Peaceful Paths, reinforcing our mission of service and community impact.

A Few Notes To Remember

- Keep your profile and email address up to date to get the most updated news about upcoming events.
- Visit the chapter [website](#) to get the latest events and news.
- Did you know that Sigma offers automatic membership renewal? Make renewing easy and sign up for Sigma's Automatic Membership Renewal Program in My Membership. [Learn more and sign up today!](#)

Upcoming Events

NSNA Annual Convention

- Date: April 8–11, 2026
- Location: Houston, TX at Booth #506

Member's Meeting

- Date: Apr 23, 2026, from 05:30 PM to 08:00 PM (ET)
- Location: Clinical and Translational Science Institute, 2004 Mowry Rd, Gainesville, FL 32610
- [RSVP NOW](#)

Chapter Elections

Call for nominations is due 4/24!!

37th International Nursing Research Congress

- Date: July 15 –July 18, 2026
- Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

**DINE TO DONATE!
FUNDRAISING NIGHT**

Sigma
Alpha Theta Chapter

Support
**SIGMA THETA TAU
HONOR SOCIETY**
WED., APRIL 08
4 - 8PM

**10%
DONATION NIGHT**

Support Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society by presenting this flyer to the Gainesville, FL location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society!

Come help us support Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society at the University of Florida College of Nursing!

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