

# Newsletter

*~Falling into 2021-2022~*



*After a brief hiatus, our quarterly newsletter is back with updates and resources to help you jump into a new academic year!*

## **Highlights**

- *Past award winners and upcoming award nominations*
- *Fall Induction Ceremony*
- *Sigma Health Project-TD4*
- *Upcoming conferences and calls for Abstracts*

# Spring Induction Ceremony

**Congratulations** to all the new  
members who joined Sigma in May 2021!  
We are honored to have you represent our  
chapter with your excellence.

Abdolreza Akbarian	Fatimah Abdoulaye	Mary Anne Olalia
Abrehet Woldeyohannes	Frances Dimaranan	Matthew Ralph Wyatt
Alexa Duarte	Francia Mikaela	Mayesha Islam
Alice Jeonghwa Lee	Hernandez	Mihika Kulkarni
Aliyah Mansour	Geethega Uruthiralingam	Miranda Rose Cardinali
Allana Pereira	Grace Ko	Nana Akua Fosuaa Amoah
Alyssa Lyn Boss	Gulrukh Afridi	Nancy Xu
Alyssia Silenzi	Gurneet Kuner	Nathan Alan Delacroix
Amal Amany Qalawi	Hae Jung Rhyoo	Nethmi Jayasinghe
Amanda Caruso	Helen Chen	Nicolas D'Ambrosi
Amran Hirole	Hilda Oni	Oleh (Alec) Azaryev
Andred Thompson	Honey Palalon	Prantika Chakraborty
Andrew Karkheck	Isabella Costantino	Prashajini Sivasundaram
Angelika Maria Roilos	Isabelle Chong	Praveen Govindaraj
Ann Chiem	Jessica Buda	Rachel Ng
Ann Maria Kurian	Jessica Hunter	Ravneet Dhinsa
Antonella Adamo	Jessica Kim-Yee Lo	Roberta Liti
Audrey Reese	Jessica Slutsker	Sagal Ali Abdillahi
Avalon Boatemaah-Osei	John Christian Tadeo	Sally Zhang He
Ayaan Ahmed	Joo Young Jang	Salma Habibu
Basnama Ayaz	Julianna Rossos	Samantha Lotti
Bethel Lemma	Ka Sin Michelle Cheung	Saron Yared
Beverley Mcsherry	Kabilani Sivarajah	Shruti Naik
Brooklyn Barberio	Kasandra Herrera	Sidra Naeem
Cameron Reed Cotter	Katie Forster	Skye Savannah Beaudoin
Carly Cookman	Keatin Noth	Stephanie Sarmiento
Cassandra Kwok	Keziah Minette Acab	Stephanie Voong
Celine Lianne Markle	Khrystyna Pakish	Suheilah Sharif
Chanelle Fedillaga	Kirsten Margaux Rollo	Tayisha Jean
Chantelle Walker	Kuddeeja Javed	Trey Millington-Wilkes
Chiromiya Suboshan	Laura Istanboulian	Trisha Baladhay
Christine Jia- Hong Zhou	Lauren Baljeu	Tristen J Brown
Daniel Rafael Fabella	Lorena Karen Lopez	Virginia Le
Daphne Vijayakumar	Maria Malakhova	Xiaocong (Bosco) Xu
Destiny Javier	Marie Balagot	Yana Siganevich
Disa Nicole Clifford	Marleen Krause	Zahra Said Osman

# Awards Program Recipients

***Congratulations*** to the following chapter members who were acknowledged at our most recent Spring Inductions Ceremony!

Award for Excellence in  
Nursing Practice



Sarabeth Silver, RN, MN  
Sinai Health

Gail J. Donner Award for  
Excellence in Nursing Education



Dr. Heather Thomson,  
University of Toronto

Dorothy M. Pringle Award for  
Excellence in Nursing Research



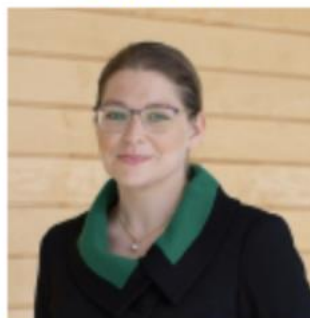
Dr. Martine Puts,  
University of Toronto

Publication Grant



Dr. Samantha Micsinski,  
McMaster University

Health Initiative  
Seed Grant



Dr. Kristine Newman,  
Ryerson University

Publication Grant



Dr. Kateryna Metersky,  
Ryerson University

Award of Merit for Outstanding  
Achievement by a Student in the  
Nurse Practitioner Program



Meagan Noble,  
University of Toronto

Award of Merit for  
Outstanding PhD Thesis



Dr. Tieghan Killackey,  
University of Toronto

Outstanding Contribution to  
Practice in the Ryerson  
Collaborative Degree Program



Natalie DeCiantis,  
Ryerson University

# Chapter Key Award

The *Lambda Pi at-Large chapter* has been selected  
as a recipient of the  
**2021 Chapter Key  
Award!**

The Chapter Key Award honors Sigma chapters that excel in chapter-related activities including:

- *Membership recruitment and retention*
- *Publicity and programming*
- *Professional and leadership development*
- *Local, national, and international collaboration*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**





## **Last call for Region 10 Abstracts!**



Abstract submission for the  
2022 North America Region 10 conference is ***NOW OPEN***

Abstracts are due by **midnight on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**,  
and can be submitted [HERE](#)

*Abstracts should be 350 words or less, including headings.  
Notification of acceptance will be by November 30, 2021.*

**Please note:**

- We are remaining hopeful that we will be able to have this conference in person as we have done in the past. We are keeping a very close eye on State and International travel restrictions and will try to be as flexible as possible if Covid complications arise closer to the conference.
- Those with previously accepted abstracts will need to resubmit their abstracts with a disclaimer that the information they are presenting hasn't been previously presented through another conference. If abstract has not been previously presented, it will automatically be accepted to the 2022 conference.

Disseminate your hard work throughout our Region of Sigma!  
***Submit your abstract today!***



**Save the date:**



*Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm*



***Lambda Pi at-Large  
Fall Induction Ceremony***

*Considering the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, our fall induction ceremony will be virtual. Link for the event to follow shortly*

*If you are interested in learning how to apply or to encourage someone to apply, please refer to this [criteria](#) and contact your school's representative\*.*

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University of Toronto

*\*Nursing leaders can refer to criteria link for instructions*

## TD4 Community Event



Our chapter is sponsoring an event led by our own  
Dr. Kristine Newman.

She is organizing a community event to engage  
families, young caregivers, healthcare providers and  
community members, led by the Spare A Thought  
For Dementia Collaborative (#TD4, #T4Dementia).

Please see the next page for details

**Join us on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

If you are interested in helping to organize the event, please  
respond to the following survey and doodle poll regarding  
ideas and availability.

Survey for event ideas:

<https://forms.gle/zLtavd5Rqpn1b3pp6>

Doodle poll for availability:

[https://doodle.com/poll/dfyq82sm9zzn47su?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/dfyq82sm9zzn47su?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

Please contact Dr. Kristine Newman at  
[kristine.newman@ryerson.ca](mailto:kristine.newman@ryerson.ca) for any  
questions you have and looking forward  
to seeing you there!





# 2021 Awards Program

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Nov. 15, 2021 at midnight**

**AWARDS CEREMONY: Nov. 25 , 2021**

## **Nurse Leader Awards (7)**

Gail J. Donner Award for Excellence in Nursing Education  
Dorothy M. Pringle Award for Excellence in Research  
Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice  
Award for Excellence Nursing Administration  
Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership  
Betty Burcher Award of Merit Outstanding Contribution to Community Advocacy  
Award of Merit for an Outstanding Nurse Practitioner

## **Seed and Travel Grants & Publication Awards (4)**

Publication Grant (\$500)  
Research Seed Grant. (\$2,000)  
Health Initiative Seed Grant (\$2000)  
Travel Grant (up to \$1,000)

## **Student Awards -Undergraduate (7)**

Outstanding Contribution to Practice (\$500)  
☐ University of Toronto  
☐ Ryerson, Centennial, George Brown Collaborative Nursing Degree Program  
☐ Ryerson University Post-Diploma Nursing Degree Program  
☐ York University Collaborative BScN, 2nd Degree Entry and IEN BScN Programs  
(1 award for each program)  
President's Award for Outstanding Leadership (\$500)

## **Graduate (6)**

Award of Merit for an Outstanding PhD Thesis  
Award of Merit for an Outstanding Master's Thesis  
Outstanding Achievement by a Master's Student (\$500)  
University of Toronto, Ryerson University, York University  
Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Student in the Primary Care or Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program (\$500)

We are hoping to award a total of \$10,000 in awards and funding.

**Criteria for each award and nomination forms to be sent by email to all STTI members and faculty.**

**For more information, contact Nancy Purdy [npurdy@ryerson.ca](mailto:npurdy@ryerson.ca)**



# Upcoming Conferences



**Sigma**  
GLOBAL NURSING  
EXCELLENCE

**NORTH AMERICA REGION 10**

**Region 10 Biennial Conference**  
Bridging Nursing Leadership, Research & Practice

*Resilience: A Renewed Return*  
**April 1-2, 2022**

The Kensington Hotel  
3500 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA 48108

*Save the Date*

## 46th Biennial Convention

*Honor the Past, Remember the Present, Create the Future*

**6-10 November 2021 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA**

Join us for Sigma's largest event, our biennial convention, featuring outstanding plenary speakers, networking opportunities, over 800 oral and poster presentations, and the opportunity to travel to our headquarters city, rich in culture, sports, and tradition.

Connect with nearly 2,000 Sigma members and global leaders in nursing as we come together to celebrate our heritage over the last 100 years, build upon our successes, and embrace the 2019-2021 presidential call to action:

### *Infuse Joy*

*"We must start wherever we are today to find, create, and leverage joy."*



# Upcoming Conferences (cont'd)



## SAVE THE DATE

### 33rd International Nursing Research Congress, 21-25 July 2022

Join Sigma in Edinburgh, Scotland to connect and engage with over 800 nurse researchers, students, clinicians, and leaders who are focused on evidence-based research.

#### Congress Theme

*Transforming Global Nursing Knowledge Through Research, Scholarship, and Innovation*

#### Program Outcomes

- Learners will report an increase in their nursing knowledge, skills, or overall practice by 75%.
- Learners will report agreement that the conference provided the opportunity to engage with the global nursing community.
- Learners will identify at least two opportunities to apply learning from the conference to their nursing practice.

## SAVE THE DATE! 24-26 March 2022 | Virtual 31 March-1 April 2022

### Creating Healthy Work Environments

Join us in person from 24-26 March 2022 in Washington, DC, USA, or online 31 March-1 April 2022 for the event designed specifically to help leaders like you in both academic and clinical settings develop, implement, and maintain strategies to improve your organization's work environment.

Meet and collaborate with more than 500 nursing leaders and Sigma members, uniting with the common goal to build a healthier workplace.

#### *Collaborate to Engage, Sustain, and Advocate*

Program outcomes:

- Recognize three tactics on how professional collaboration can aid in the creation of healthy work environments
- Articulate two successful strategies to actively engage, sustain, and/or advocate for healthy work environments

For more information on each conference and links for registration and abstracts, please visit:

<https://www.sigmanursing.org/connect-engage/meetings-events>



Lambda Pi  
at-Large Chapter

Consider joining the Lambda  
Pi At-Large Chapter Board of Directors!

Board membership is a great opportunity to develop your leadership skills, as well as network and work with nurses/nursing students across Toronto, the Greater Toronto Area and beyond!

A variety of leadership opportunities (e.g., committee membership, Chair elects) are available on committees including Communications, Research, Awards/Archives, and Events/Membership.

For more information, contact *Sanja Visekruna*  
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For more information on member  
resources and how to get involved, at  
our Chapter's [website](#)



The Circle

The professional networking site of Sigma Theta Tau International

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