



Eta Gamma Chapter

Message from the Chapter President

Dear Eta Gamma Chapter Members,

It was a wonderful spring season for the Eta Gamma Chapter. Together with the Research Showcase Planning Committee, we hosted a successful Distinguished Scholar Day and enjoyed meaningful discussions during the Global Engagement Panel.

In May, we celebrated our newest members during our induction ceremony. Congratulations to all 53 inductees! We are proud to welcome you to Sigma Theta Tau and look forward to your contributions to scholarship and leadership.

As we look ahead to the fall, I encourage you to stay connected through our social media channels and the Eta Gamma website. We have exciting volunteer opportunities and scholarship events planned that will continue to strengthen our chapter and academic community.

Please join me in congratulating Eta Gamma member Karen Foli on her induction into the Sigma International Hall of Fame—an outstanding and well-deserved honor.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Eta Gamma and Sigma Theta Tau.

Warm regards,
Katy Bartlett
President, Eta Gamma Chapter



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July 2026

In this newsletter you can expect:

May Induction Ceremony

Research and Scholarship Showcase

International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

Volunteer recap

Sigma Theta Tau Induction Ceremony Welcomes 53 New Members During the May Pinning Ceremony!

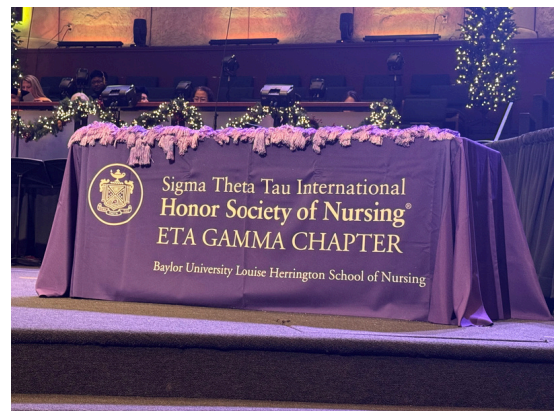
We are proud to welcome our newest members into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The induction ceremony was held during the May 2026 Louise Herrington School of Nursing pinning ceremony.

This year, 53 undergraduate and graduate students who met Sigma's high standards of scholarship and leadership were inducted into the Society. Family, friends, faculty, and current members gathered to celebrate their achievements and welcome them into our nursing community.

Congratulations to all our new inductees, and welcome to Sigma!



Katy Bartlett

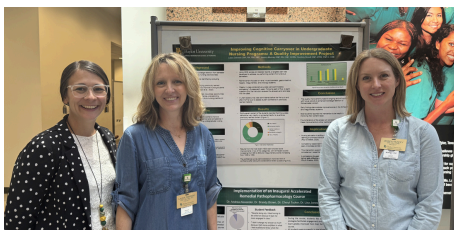


LHSON Distinguished Scholar Day

Resilience in Action: Global Perspectives Impacting Nursing Practice

Research and Scholarship Showcase

Together with the Louise Herrington School of Nursing, the Eta Gamma Chapter hosted Distinguished Scholar Day. The symposium showcased the outstanding work of our Sigma members, including systematic reviews, quality improvement projects, poster presentations, and published scholarship. The event celebrated innovation, collaboration, and excellence in nursing research.



Courtney Brandt, Laura Zebreski, & Jessica Muncey



Faustina Bello-Ogunu & Linda Romines,



Emily Sundeen, Sharon Quigley, Kristen Kirby, Diaz Clark, Becky Good, & Kara Jones-Schubart



Global Perspectives Panel: Katy Bartlett (moderator), Andrea Archer, Laura Butler, Patricia Defrehn, Katy Vogelaar, Rebecca Puchkors, Lyn Prater, & Melissa Neathery

Eta Gamma Member Karen Foli inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

Established in 2010, the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame honors nurse researchers who have made notable and lasting contributions, gaining national or international acclaim. Their research has positively impacted both the nursing profession and the communities they serve.

Each year, inductees are celebrated at Sigma's International Nursing Research Congress, which attracts nearly 1,000 nurse researchers, students, clinicians, and leaders eager to learn from evidence-based research presentations.

Congratulations to Dr. Karen Foli on this amazing recognition!

2026 Inductees



Karen J. Foli, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN
*Professor and Louise Herrington
Endowed Chair for Mental Health Nursing
Louise Herrington School of Nursing,
Baylor University
Dallas, Texas, USA*

Research areas: developing the middle-range theory of parental postadoption depression and the middle-ranges theory of nurses' psychological trauma; examining mental health in nurses, as well as organizational culpability to mitigate avoidable burnout and trauma



Don't miss anything!

- 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!](#)
- Follow our [Facebook](#) or look at our [Chapter Website](#) for information on upcoming events.
- We also have a new Instagram page for our chapter! Scan below to join!



Did you know?

- Scholarships are available to help fund meaningful academic and professional experiences for Sigma members and students. Apply today for consideration! [Find the details here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Eta Gamma Board Meeting

- Date: September 10, 2026
- Time: 10 am
- Location: Virtual

Volunteer Recap



Kathryn Voreis & Lyn Prater with Nancy Ramirez dropping off pants and underwear for Gonzales elementary.

The Eta Gamma Chapter collected new underwear, shorts, and long pants for students at the Henry B. Gonzalez Personalized Learning Academy. Inspired by a Population Health clinical rotation with Dr. Calverley, the drive addressed a need identified by school nurse Nancy Ramirez for students who experienced accidents during the school day. Thanks to the generosity of chapter members, these donations helped students return to class with comfort and confidence.

2025-2026 Board of Directors

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