Sigma Theta Tau International
(www.nursingsociety.org)

Lambda Kappa Chapter
(http://lambdakappa.nursingsociety.org)

Vision and Mission

A Vision to Lead:
To create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people.

A Mission to Serve, Support and Improve:
To support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

Purposes

- Recognize superior achievement
- Facilitate the development of leadership qualities
- Foster high professional standards
- Encourage creative work
- Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession

History

Sigma Theta Tau (STT), the Honor Society of Nursing, was founded in 1922 by six nursing students at Indiana University School of Nursing. The founders chose the name from the Greek words Storga, Tharos, and Tima meaning “love,” “courage,” and “honor.” As women ahead of their time, the founders’ vision for the society helped bring recognition to nursing as a science.

The organization became incorporated as Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) in 1985 to reflect the mission of improving health care worldwide. STTI has inducted more than 360,000 members worldwide making it the second largest nursing organization in the U.S. and countries including Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, and many others. Thirty-nine percent of the STTI members hold advanced degrees.

Lambda Kappa, the Messiah College Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, was chartered March 30, 1990, as the 272nd chapter of STTI. Eighty-nine students and community leaders were charter members, and new members have been inducted annually since then.

Membership

Nurses from more than 85 countries and territories worldwide include practicing nurses, faculty, researchers, policy makers, executives, entrepreneurs and others make up the society’s 135,000 active members. These members are affiliated with 500 chapters on college campuses in the U.S. and countries including Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, and many others.

All prospective members are solicited by invitation, screened by the Eligibility Committee, and finally approved by a vote of the membership. Membership is conferred upon undergraduate and graduate nursing students who have met or exceeded rigorous academic standards and upon college-educated nurse leaders who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in nursing.
Lambda Kappa Programs and Activities

- Winter Service Project
- Annual Induction Ceremony
- Spring General Membership Program
- Spring Research Day in Collaboration with Another Chapter or Health Care Agency

Honor Society Publications

- Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library
- Journal of Nursing Scholarship
- Reflections on Nursing Leadership
- Worldviews on Evidence-Based Practice
- Scholarly and Inspirational Books
- STTIconnect Electronic Newsletter

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