

Sigma

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Lambda Kappa Chapter

(<http://lambdakappa.nursingsociety.org>)

Vision and Mission

Sigma's vision is to be the global organization of choice for nursing.

Sigma's mission is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

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, now known as Sigma, 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.

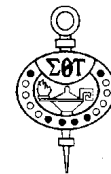
Sigma became incorporated in 1985 to reflect the mission of improving health care worldwide. Sigma has inducted more than 360,000 members worldwide making it the second largest nursing organization in the world and the only international member organization that provides leadership and knowledge resources to nurses in practice, academia, administration and research.

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

Membership

Nurses from more than 90 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 530 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. Thirty-nine percent of the Sigma members hold advanced degrees.

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 Global Nursing e-Repository (a Sigma Resource)
- ❖ *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*
- ❖ *Reflections on Nursing Leadership*
- ❖ *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Practice*
- ❖ *Scholarly and inspirational books*
- ❖ *Sigma Update*, a monthly electronic newsletter

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