



Call for Nominations for Recognition of Excellence Awards

Sigma Theta Tau International *Alpha Delta Chapter*

Alpha Delta Chapter is now receiving nominations for Recognition of Excellence Awards. The purpose of the awards is to recognize outstanding members who have made significant contributions in the areas of research, leadership, mentoring, education, and clinical practice. The criteria listed under each award have been developed to use when writing the letter of nomination of a fellow member whom you feel deserves the honor. Please provide the nominee's resume/CV along with the letter. Additional letters of support may also be included. Please email your letter(s) with attachments by **March 17, 2008** to kalawren@utmb.edu or send to Kathy Lawrence, Rt. 0469, 301 University Blvd., Galveston, TX 77555- 0469.

The Excellence Award winners will be honored at the April 17, 2008 Sigma Theta Tau Induction Ceremony held at Levin Hall.

Excellence in Research

- Conducts distinguished research in nursing (current & relevant)
- Communicates nursing research findings
- Encourages research dissemination within Alpha Delta
- Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research
- Gives evidence of a history of nursing research activities
- Encourages research activities within Alpha Delta

Excellence in Leadership

- Demonstrates excellence in leadership
- Interacts with others in a positive encouraging manner
- Demonstrates leadership & organizational skills
- Promotes service activities that encourages the growth of others
- Influences the professional practice of nursing through leadership activities

Excellence in Education

- Demonstrates excellence in teaching
- Advances the science and art of nursing through clarifying, refining, and/or expanding the knowledge base of nursing
- Promotes a theory/research base for curricula and practice
- Influences scholarly development in nursing education, practice, and/or research through teaching
- Influences the professional practice of nursing and the public's image of nursing through excellence in teaching

Excellence in Nursing Practice

- Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice
- Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality patient care
- Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a clinical scholar
- Advances the scope and practice of nursing
- Serves as preceptor that inspires peers' practice
- Enhances the image of nursing through practice
- Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice

Excellence in Mentoring

- Serves as mentor to peers or students in research, education, and/or clinical practice
- Actively shapes and promotes the career of a nurse or development of the chapter
- Freely shares our own resources for the growth and development of the individual or the chapter
- Maintains the mentoring relationship over time