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# Eta Omicron Echo

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Eta Omicron Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, Inc.

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## President's Message:

First of all, let me say **Happy New Year!** 2003 is off to a flying start! The Eta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau is planning another interesting spring. We will be having our Clinical Practice conference on April 25th so mark you calendar. We will honor community nurses who command respect as excellent practitioners of our profession on March 27th and we'll be adding new members to our ranks later this spring at our annual induction ceremony. Nursing is about caring, and each of the three spring events will recognize local nurses who care in a fresh light. I hope you'll plan to attend and support these programs.

**Mary Ellen Miller, MSN, RN**

**President, Eta Omicron Chapter**

### Board Members 2002-2003

#### President

Mary Ellen Miller

#### 1st VP

Bonnie Ross

#### 2nd VP

Erma Wilson

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Margaret Jordan

#### Recording Secretary

Georgia Duff

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Mary Welch



### Upcoming Events: Mark your Calendar

February 10, 2003 - **Board meeting** at 5:30 pm in the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC).

March 10, 2003 - Board meeting at 5:00 pm with the **General Business Meeting** 6-7:30 pm to follow in the ECDC Classroom 219A on the 2nd floor.

March 27, 2003 - **Annual Excellence in Nursing Practice Awards** at 7:00 pm in the Lone Star Ballroom in the University Center. This ceremony is to honor nurses in the Coastal Bend area for clinical practice.

**Board Meetings** on April 14 at 5:30 pm and on April 28, 2003 at 7:30 am.

May 8, 2003 - **Induction of New Members** at 7:00 pm in the Lone Star Ballroom in the University Center.

View our web site:

<http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/nursing/nurorg/organi1.html>

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## **New Inductees for Spring 2002**

### **Generic BSN Students**

Aaron Bohne  
Adriana Brown  
Stephanie Clayton  
Shelly Conlin  
Cinnamon Dahlberg  
Erica Flores  
Victor Gomez  
Adrian Harwood  
Rachel Hinton  
Nancy McAllister  
Maria Moya

### **RN-BSN Students**

Brenda Buckner  
Mary Cochran  
Eloisa Garcia

### **Master of Science in Nursing Students**

Kristie Anguian  
Noemi Cain  
Minerva Crescine  
Carmen Hernandez  
Wanda McBride  
Robin McCauley  
Pricilla Ramos  
Janell Sample  
Luis Valdez

### **Community Leaders**

Lois Barry  
Marilyn Kostelnik  
Linda Dalton  
Sandi Pliska  
Benadette Vela

## **Research Poster Presentation on December 4, 2002.**

**First place went to  
“Diabetic Compliance-Adolescent”**

**Second place went to  
“Operating Room Infection Control”**

The winners were:

### **The first place team**

*Jessica Minton,  
Alyssa DeLaCruz,  
Sherry Johnson*

### **The second place team**

*Linn Olson,  
Michelle Gloor,  
Maggie Duran,  
Lupita Fernandez,  
Evbu Osawaru,  
Janie Fuentes  
Wysonda Finch*



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In Remembrance of the nursing faculty from the University of Arizona, who were shot tragically this past summer, a donation was made to the TAMU-CC School of Nursing in their honor.

A letter was sent to the University of Arizona acknowledging the memorial.

## **Donations for 2003**

Corpus Christi Medical Center - \$500  
A big thank you!!

## Members in the News

Bunny Forgione, received her Ph.D. in Nursing from UTHSC-SA. She will be publishing her research results in the near future on "Maternal-Fetal Attachment in the Adolescent: An Ecological Perspective."

**Congratulations!!!!**



Erma Wilson has received her Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Certification from UTMB Galveston.

**Congratulations!!!!**

Honeybee Powell is pursuing her Ph.D. studies at TWU-Houston

**Good Luck!!!**



### **Raffle Ticket Winners.**

*The Eta Omicron Chapter held a raffle ticket sale for fundraising to support our chapter. Thanks to all who sold tickets! Listed below are the winners.*

#### **Stained Glass Window-**

*Pamela Watson*

#### **Macaroni Grill gift certificates-**

*Mary Welch*

*Karen Olson*

#### **Academy gift certificate-**

*Elaine Yellen*

#### **Shoreline Fitness Center Pass-**

*Greg Walker*

#### **Massage Therapy gift certificate-**

*Mary Cochran*

*Sandi Pliska*

#### **Three wood golf clubs-**

*Darrel Buckalew*

#### **Platypus pass for two-**

*Patricia Frogatt*

#### **HEB gift certificate-**

*Pam Watson*

## Continuing Education

### **Keep this date open!!!!**

The Eta Omicron Chapter will be holding an all day workshop

### **"Advancing Excellence in Clinical Practice Conference"**

on Friday, April 25, 2003

in the Early Childhood Development Center from 8:00am to 3:30 pm.

The topics include Magnet Hospital Status, Wound Assessment & Treatment, Management of Depression, Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis, Hepatitis C, and Teaching.

The keynote speaker is a National STT distinguish lecturer, Gwen Sherwood, RN, Ph.D, Professor and Associate Dean from UT Houston Health Science Center will be presenting "Creating a Healthy Work Environment: Caring for the Human Spirit."

The fee for enrollment before April 12 will be \$40, after April 12 will be \$45, \$20 for licensed RNs & LVN students with ID Generic students -\$10

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CNE Chairperson

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# Annual Call for Research Proposals

Eta Omicron chapter invites research proposals for the **Spring 2003 Research Award**.

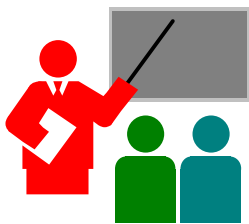
One award of \$1000 will be offered to fund a selected project. Proposal guidelines and evaluation criteria may be obtained by contacting Dr. Linda Cook, Research Committee Chair, by email ([Linda.Cook@mail.tamucc.edu](mailto:Linda.Cook@mail.tamucc.edu)) or by telephone at 825-3616 .

The project may be qualitative or quantitative. The method of review is blind and **the deadline** for proposal submission is **February 28, 2002**.

Awards will be made at the Spring Induction Ceremony.

Please send completed proposals to:

Dr. Linda Cook  
Chair, Eta Omicron  
Research Committee  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
6300 Ocean Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412



## Membership Involvement

It's a New Year and as the chair of the membership committee, I'd like to say YOU are the key to Eta Omicron's success this year. Please place our calendar of events in a place to remind you of important upcoming events in our chapter! If you possess a gift or talent to enhance a particular event or if you enjoying planning and organizing events we would love to have your involvement. I looking forward to seeing you at our **March 10th general business meeting** as well as upcoming events in 2003!

**Margaret Jordan**  
**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Membership Chairperson**

### Moving? Change of Address?

Didn't receive your membership renewal notice? Keep updated about Eta Omicron chapter news and events by submitting your new contact information to both your local chapter as well as national headquarters!

Send address changes via Email to [Margaret.jordan@tamucc.edu](mailto:Margaret.jordan@tamucc.edu) or mailed to Eta Omicron's return address.

Address corrections and renewal fees transactions may be conducted on line at National Headquarters web site, [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org).

We have recently lost contact with the members listed below. If you know them please have them contact Margaret at [Margaret.jordan@mail.tamucc.edu](mailto:Margaret.jordan@mail.tamucc.edu)

Kathi Johnson  
Elsa Brown  
Steve Anderson  
Shari Ruff

# Call For Nominations

## Excellence in Nursing Awards

We are looking for chapter members that exemplify the following characteristics:

- Excellence in Mentorship**
- Excellence in Clinical Practice**
- Excellence in Research**
- Excellence in Education**
- Excellence in Leadership**

If you know of a member that would be worthy of the titles please contact before March 7th Pam Stetina at [Pamela.stetina@mail.tamucc.edu](mailto:Pamela.stetina@mail.tamucc.edu)

## and Community leaders

Please contact Chris Kucinkas (361- 825-3324) or Elaine Yellen (361- 825-3618) with nominations for community leaders to be inducted.

**Awards to be given out at the Induction Ceremony  
May 8, 2003**

**Please plan to attend and support your fellow members!**



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