**February Sigma Theta Tau International Meeting High Points**

*Question: If you were on an elevator and had 15 seconds, what would your “elevator” speech be for why you are in Sigma Theta Tau Iota Mu if you were asked?*

* We voted to induct 3 nurse leader applicants: Amanda Raymundo, Stephanie Dunkle, and Veronica Estrada). Welcome to Sigma Theta Tau!
* Multiple students and faculty will be presenting at STTI Research Congress in Puerto Rico:
  + Rising stars will be presenting: Graduate Students – Amanda Cole, Stephanie Dunkle, Barbara Whitley, Crystal Pellam; Undergraduate Student – Morgana Posada
  + Alumni and Faculty presenting: Janna Hackett, Dusty Hough, Dr. Bev Byers, Susan Sayari, Dr. Rita Doumit, Dr. Nadine, Zeeni, Dr. JoAnn Long, Dr. C. Kazandjian, Dr. N. Gharibeh, Dr. L. Karen, Dr. Huaxin Song, Dr. Carol Boswell, Dr. G. Katsounari, Dr. Ola Sukkarieh-Haraty, Dr. Nadine Zeeni, and Jamie Roney
* We also have students presenting at the STTI Biennium in Las Vegas:
  + Rising stars will be presenting: Graduate Students – Amanda Raymundo, Crystal Pellam, Kim Fiveash
* Texas Tech TNSA students presented three resolutions at the recent TNSA conference and all were accepted.
* Ann Hagstrom was accepted to the NLN LEAD Program, along with Ruth Bargainer and Amanda Veesart.
* LCU Brown Bag is on April 16, 2015 – Patti Freier and the Skylight research done at Covenant Health.
* Kyle Johnson was accepted into a PhD program at Indiana University studying under Dr. Kristina Thomas Dreifuerst and Dr. Pamela Ironside.
* Discussed a new member meeting in July to help recruit new BSN members to stay part of the STTI chapter.
* Email [kyle.johnson@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:kyle.johnson@ttuhsc.edu) to nominate the February Member of the Month by Friday February 27, 2015.
* Dues were increased by $2.50 for the local chapter dues bringing the total fee to $97.50 for the total. This begins July 1, 2015.
* Induction is set for May 8, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Overton Hotel.
* Seed Grants Supported Include:
  + Evidence Based Practice Tutorial for MSN Students in Uganda ($60.00) – Dr. Long (like an app but is housed on the website)
  + Research Academy ($500.00) – Drs. Ashcraft and Long (Dr. Long stated the single goal is to strengthen and expand research for the South Plains; it is a collaborative effort between LCU, TTUHSC, and practice partners
  + Research Project: Maternity Care Practices Associated with Infant Feeding Following Hospital Discharge ($500.00) – Dr.  Jeannette Crenshaw, Principle Investigator
  + Jamie Roney will be putting forth a request for the MEWS Project – screening tool to decrease sepsis.
* Upcoming Board Elections:
  + Contact [terry.hill@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:terry.hill@ttuhsc.edu) or [joann.long@lcu.edu](mailto:joann.long@lcu.edu) if you would be interested in serving as the STTI Iota Mu Secretary, Treasurer, Second Counselor, Governance Chair, and Succession Committee Member