

Sigma Theta Tau - Gamma Omega Chapter Awards of Excellence

Annual Deadline March 1

Description: Members of the Gamma Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International are encouraged to nominate a peer for *Awards of Excellence*. The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding nurses whose contributions to nursing fulfill the goals of Sigma Theta Tau in the areas of research, education, practice and leadership.

A. Nomination Criteria

- Nominator must be a member in good standing of Sigma Theta Tau.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of Sigma Theta Tau.

B. Nomination Process

***Nominations must be submitted via email to:
vcusigmatheta@gmail.com
by midnight on March 1***

1) Body of email must include:

- Nominator – name, title, institutional affiliation and contact information
- Nominee – name, title, institutional affiliation and contact information
- Award Category

2) Attachments

- All attachments compiled in one single pdf file
- Written Statement --- required, limited to two (2) pages
 - Includes pertinent examples of how the nominee demonstrates the selected criteria for the award category.
- Supporting Documents --- recommended, but not required
 - Letter from Nominee accepting nomination
 - Documentation that highlights the nominee's excellence in the selected area and award category and supports examples described in the written statement.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Scholarly article authored by nominee
- Newsletter highlighting nominee's accomplishments
- Curriculum vitae or resume

Inquiries

Requests for information and/or submissions should be sent to the VCU Gamma Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau email: vcusigmatheta@gmail.com.

Award Categories and Criteria

Excellence in Nursing Research Award

1. Conducts current and relevant research in nursing.
2. Communicates nursing research findings.
3. Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research.
4. Encourages research activities within Sigma Theta Tau, nursing, and/or the public.

Excellence in Nursing Education Award

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

Excellence in Nursing Practice Award

1. Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice.
2. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
3. Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a clinical scholar.
4. Advances the scope and practice of nursing.
5. Serves as mentor/preceptor that inspires peer's practice of nursing.
6. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
7. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice.

Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award

1. Receives local, national and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration and/or research
2. Influences leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches to leadership.
3. Creates an environment that enhances the image on nursing/nurses.
4. Participants in the development of nursing leaders and leadership.

Selection – (Judges, Selection Committee)

- A selection committee will consist of three appointed chapter members, one who is or has been in a chapter leadership position. Chapter officers will appoint the selection committee as soon as possible following election.
- Selection committee members shall review nominations and rate candidates based on criteria listed under each award category.
- Final selection shall be on the basis of total points in rating.
- The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.