

SIGMA FOUNDATION FOR NURSING

Newsletter

Thank you to our [2016–2017 donors and sponsors!](#)

Please join us in welcoming the newest members to the [Vision Society](#).

Ronn Callada
Denise Cauble
Catherine Dunham
Christine Jarrell
Mary Beth Reid
Jennifer Saylor



"Donating to the Sigma Foundation is important to me because I know other members will benefit from all that Sigma has to offer just like me. Without the Leadership Education, I would not have been able to attend the Leadership Connection Conference. Sigma has fostered my leadership skills, expanded my professional network, and cultivated global health awareness and opportunities."

— Jennifer Saylor, Vision Society donor

RESEARCH

Fund established for Global Nursing Research Grant

During a reception at the 44th Biennial Convention for retiring Sigma CEO Dr. Patricia E. Thompson, it was announced that the year-long campaign to establish and sustain the Patricia E. Thompson Global Research Fund had been completed and that nearly US \$220,000 in cash and pledges had been donated by chapters and individuals.

Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board Chair Dr. Patricia M. Davidson recognized donors and thanked the more than 300 people attending the reception for making this possible.

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LEADERSHIP

Thanks to donations from individuals and chapters, leadership education grants were awarded to members from around the world to attend the 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA this October. Recipients included members who presented research at the event and represented their chapters during the House of Delegates. For these members, these grants were gifts that reduced the financial burden associated with traveling so far for the event.

Speaking to donors who supported her attendance, grant recipient Adenike Olaogun shared, “I am indebted to Sigma and would have found my way here without this grant; however, it helps because it greatly reduces the financial burden. I want to assure you that we — particularly those from limited resource settings like my country — are effectively using the knowledge you impart on us and the skills we are acquiring to touch lives. I am not saying thank you only for myself, I am saying thank you for what you are doing for my country, Nigeria.”

Adenike is passionate about reducing maternal mortality and presented her research on this topic to other convention attendees.



FUTURE

MCHNLA Africa expands to Ghana for upcoming cohort

The 2018–2019 Maternal-Child Health Nurse Leadership Academy Africa (MCHNLA) cohort will include the first dyad from Ghana, effectively expanding the program into five countries. The academy develops the leadership skills of maternal and child health nurses and midwives to

improve the quality of healthcare for childbearing women, and for children up to 5 years old. This program is made possible in part thanks to donations from individuals and chapters to the Future Fund.

[Read the full press release.](#)

MCHNLA Africa is presented by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) in partnership with Johnson & Johnson. Additional funding is provided by the STTI Foundation, made possible through donations to the Future (21st Century) Fund.

“Maternal Child Health Nursing Leadership Academy Africa has done so much not just for me but for my hospital and our clients. We now have an effective and efficient High Care Unit. That would not be possible without the leadership skills gained at MCHNLA Africa.”

— Brasby Kesway, 2017 MCHNLA Africa mentee



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