Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Region 8 Conference was held at Union University in Jackson, TN on October 26-27, 2012. Robert E. Smith School of Nursing (RESSON) faculty members Vicki Bingham, PhD, RN; Debra Allen, MSN, RN; and Emily Newman, MEd, BSN, RN were among the 100 presenters selected from over the three-state region.

The lovely tree was donated by the Cleveland Garden Club and was planted in honor of Mrs. Carla Lewis, Secretary of the Dean and Mrs. Judy Haney, Secretary to the Faculty. RESSON could not function without these two awesome ladies.
Stuff the Bus

RESSON SNA and the Faculty/Staff members were recognized as the “Stuff the Bus” Champions by collecting over 200 non-perishable food items that were taken to local shelters for distribution to those in need. This campus-wide project was sponsored by DSU in partnership with the Year of Service Committee, the Staff Council and the AmeriCorp-Vista program.

Michael Marsh (1985) BSN, RN was chosen as the 2012 Nurse of the Year at Delta Regional Medical Center (DRMC). Michael received his BSN from Delta State University and has worked in DRMC’s Intensive Care Unit for 27 years. His nomination cited him as a nurse whose single goal has always been to care for and care about his patients. Michael always has a smile on his face, a kind word to share, a friendly ear to listen, and a heart filled with true compassion. Michael shares his nursing expertise as a preceptor for the RESSON students enrolled in the Externship and Preceptorship courses.

DSU’s Kid’s College is a series of fun and unique enrichment courses for children in grades first through sixth. Nursing faculty provide the children hands-on learning activities that explore good nutrition and exercise on the body function. These children also investigate the numerous career opportunities available in the healthcare field.
Robert E. Smith School of Nursing of Delta State University hosted the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Induction Ceremony on May 4, 2012 at 9:00 am. The ceremony was hosted in the new classrooms, a recent structural addition to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing (RESSON). The ceremony is hosted every year by the RESSON Pi Xi Chapter to induct those students, alumni and nursing community leaders who have demonstrated academic and/or professional excellence in the field of nursing. Being a part of STTI is an honor that is bestowed upon those who have a desire to succeed and continue in a career of lifelong learning and service.

The Delta Center for Culture and Learning at Delta State University recently provided a heritage tour for the Junior 1 Class in the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing. The tour included discussion of the Delta's rich cultural heritage and stops at Dockery Farms, the grave of Fannie Lou Hamer, Mound Bayou, and Po' Monkey's Lounge, among other places.

Sigma Theta Tau – PiXi Chapter
President – Debra Allen, MSN, RN
Vice President – Monica Jones, DNP, FNP-BC
Secretary – Betty Sylvest, DNS, RN, CNE
Treasurer - Emily Newman, MEd, BSN, RN
Counselor – Michelle Tippitt, MSN, PNP-BC
Governance Committee Chair - Teresa Haynes, BSN, RN
Leadership Succession Chair - Vicki Bingham, PhD, RN
Delta Health and Wellness Day - Teen Zone

A total of 213 tenth-grade students from local high schools participated in four educational booths planned and implemented by the Third semester Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students and graduate faculty. The educational booths were:

#1 – Prevention – height/weight/BMI & blood pressure screening, as well as educational topics related to weight and blood pressure with the overall goal of diabetes prevention.

#2 – Nutrition – My Plate learning activities with educational topics such as carbohydrate counting, daily caloric requirements, high fat vs. low fat foods & high sodium vs. low sodium food choices.

#3 – Physical Activities – music along with physical exercise bands, hula hoops, limbo & jump rope.

#4 – Tobacco Use – educational session on risks associated with tobacco use (smoke/smokeless) and benefits of quitting or never using tobacco products.

Delta Health and Wellness Day – Kid’s Korner

DHWD Kids’ Korner consisted of fourth-grade students from local schools participating in health-related activities, and receiving valuable information on healthy eating, nutrition, exercise, and safety. Senior nursing students under the guidance of Mrs. Debbie Allen, Nursing Instructor, provided six learning activity stations.
ALUMNI NEWS

Amanda Parker (2009) BSN, RN and four other co-workers at Sharkey Issaquena Community Hospital in Rolling Fork, MS just completed ASLS (Acute Stroke Life Support) by University of Miami, FL at the Gordon Center for Research and Education. This was a two-day workshop where they were taught the information on the first day and how to teach the course on the second. Parker and her fellow coworkers are willing to present this information to students or any community agency. Please contact Amanda at aparkerrn2009@gmail.com for additional information.

Rebekah (Beka) Alford (2012) BSN, RN has accepted a registered nurse assignment at St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Mordecia Dickerson (2010) BSN, RN earned a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a role concentration of –Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) in December 2012 from Union University School of Nursing. She has accepted an FNP position at Lunceford Family Health Center in Bartlett, TN.
ONE MORE SEMESTER TO GO!
RNBSN students have enjoyed learning as they advance their education. Nursing has an endless opportunity for learning no matter how long one has practiced!

SNA MEETING
Each month the Student Nurses Association (SNA) meet during lunchtime to network, eat and learn. Pre-nursing student and VISITORS are WELCOME!!!!!!!!!

Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN)
Sponsored a statewide project called “LOVE PACS.” The goal was for each nursing organization to provide various school supplies. DSU SNA exceeded their goal by providing over 200 requested supplies. A local Cleveland school was the recipient of this project.
Your personalized brick paver will be part of the beautifully landscaped plaza pictured above where students, graduates, faculty and visitors alike come to reflect on the past ~ contemplate the present ~ plan for the future.

Please print the EXACT message as you would like it written on your brick. Each line is limited to 14 CHARACTERS (including spaces) with a maximum of THREE (3) LINES per brick.

Mail your message along with your a check for $50.00 to:
Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing; Attention: Vicki Bingham, Chair
DSU Box 3343, Cleveland, Mississippi 38733
Make your check payable to: DSU Foundation - Please note on memo line: Nursing Memory/Honor.
FULL-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY

RN-DNP
4 years; 9 semesters; 95 credit hours

- BSN-DNP
3 years; 6 semesters; 64 credit hours

- Post Master’s
  (non-FNP)-DNP
3 years; 6 semesters; 53-64 credit hours

- Post Master’s
  (FNP) – DNP
1 year; 3 semesters; 31 credit hours

Part Time Options Also Available

TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS - Non-FNP
720 clinical hours with preceptor
420 doctoral level clinical hours (scholarly project)

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