Greetings to the members of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large! Another year has passed and I will try to you in on how exciting this year has been for our chapter. The “magic” of this year was the wonderful nurses who are involved in this chapter. Their dedication and commitment to excellence in our discipline is very special. I know it makes me proud to be a member of this profession. I encourage you to become involved in Delta Tau as well. You will find each activity sponsored by the chapter interesting, enlightening and just down right fun. The people are the best and the laughter infectious.

This was an especially exciting year as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the chapter during our induction ceremony. Neumann College hosted the induction on April 10, 2005 at the Life Center. I want to extend special thanks to Sheila Cunningham, Neumann Faculty Counselor, for her hard work to make it the best of days. Forty-five students accepted their invitations to membership and six nurse leaders also joined the chapter. Katie Taylor from Holy Family University received the undergraduate scholarship award and the research award was presented to Dr. Mary Boylston of Eastern University. The President’s Award for outstanding service to the Chapter was awarded to Bernice “Nicky” Hardy, MSN, RN, ANP of Neumann College. Dr. Rosalie Mirenda, President, Neumann College and a founding member of the chapter, gave a stellar keynote address. The weather was beautiful, the company was great, and the food was terrific. I wish those of you who were unable to attend could have joined us for this very special day.

This upcoming year promises to be equally as exhilarating. Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large is once again going through the process of amending the charter and chapter-by-laws to include Immaculata University among our membership. A recent site visit at Immaculata went well and we await the approval of the board of Sigma Theta Tau International. We will hear this fall at the Biennial Convention in Indianapolis.

As this last year of my term as president draws to a close, I want to say thank you to all of the officers of the chapter. I definitely could not have done it without their help. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with these dedicated professionals. Nurses truly are special people and I am very happy to have met some of the best here in Delta Tau. Have a great summer!

Mary Anne Peters, DNSc, RN

From the President...
25th Annual Induction Ceremony
Welcome to our new members...

**NEUMANN COLLEGE**
BethAnn Buzzza
Laura L. Campagnini
Deborah DeVuono
Maureen L. Fitzhenry
Patricia A. Gallelli
Arina A. Kaleas
Melissa M. Kimmel
Christina M. Kumiega
Kate M. Navarro
William M. Pezzotti, Jr.
LaraBeth Pfieger
Lindsay M. Poole
Teresa C. Scalora
Theresa M. Scargill
Kelly A. Simons
Margaret M. Stafford
Diane M. Wade
Michelle R. Wenze

**EASTERN UNIVERSITY**
Myree Troutman App
John H. Buckwalter
Deborah L. Evenson
Myra King
Sharon L. Lutz
Elizabeth Barner Pearsall
Patricia Sands
Connie R. Smith
Lisa R. Wetzel-Effinger
HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
Undergraduates
Kalyca L. Andrews
Nicole M. Ciasullo
Amanda Curran
Diane E. Derr
Christina Diguilio
Michael J. Dolnycky
Joanna M. Evinger
Carla Fazio
Larrina Floyd
Christina M. Harkins
Kathleen Kelly
Jennifer L. Lawlor
Edward Lendvay
Sandra L. Pileggi
Jennifer L. Seger
Jaqueline Shields
Katie L. Taylor
Courtney Trommer

HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
& NEUMANN COLLEGE
Graduate Students
Karyn A. Book
Ophelia L. Brown
Kimberly A. Kuczynski
Teresa K. McDonald

COMMUNITY NURSE LEADERS
Celeste J. Brown-Apoh
Maria Lauer
Shantia A. McCoy
Charlotte E. Morris
Antoinetta Pimpinella
Denise E. Scales
Update regarding Site Visit from STTI…
Immaculata University to become part of Delta Tau

On June 1-2, 2005, Dr. Amy McClune from Sigma Theta Tau International made an evaluation site visit to Immaculata University to determine support and viability for the proposed “at-large” chapter between the Immaculata University Nursing Honor Society and Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. This visit was the culmination of a process that began as the dream of Dr. Jean Brown, the founder of the Immaculata University Nursing Honor Society.

Dr. McClune, Region 11 Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International, is an assistant professor at Edinboro University in western Pennsylvania. Dr. McClune reviewed the records of the Nursing Honor Society, met with the university’s administration, faculty, students, and alumni as part of the process to determine Immaculata’s viability as a member of the Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. The visit was informative and pleasant and culminated on June 2nd with Delta Tau’s Annual Planning meeting which was held at Immaculata. The board of Immaculata University’s Nursing Honor Society feels confident that we will be approved and look forward to being a part of the Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large family. All of the faculty and members of Immaculata University’s Nursing Honor Society wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who were involved in this process with a very special thank you to Eileen Alexy for the tireless work she exerted on our behalf.

Margaret D. Lacey, PhD, RN, AOCN
Associate Professor
Department of Nursing
Immaculata University

Information about Immaculata University from: http://www.immaculata.edu/GeneralInformation/about_the_university.html
Information about Immaculata University Nursing available at: http://www.immaculata.edu/nursing

Recent Site Visit to Immaculata University
From L to R: Cathy Jenner, Stephanie Trinkl, Marge Lacey, Amy McClune, Mary Anne Peters, Eileen Alexy, Mary Wombwell

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large
2005
Delta Tau Ballot 2005

Make your selections for the below positions by placing a check or an “X” on the appropriate line. Deadline is June 30, 2005. Please return your ballot in an envelope to the address printed on the back of this form. Thank you for paying the postage OR you may save a stamp and E-MAIL your ballot submissions to: NrsBlue@aol.com

VICE PRESIDENT – NEUMANN COLLEGE

Bernice “Nicky Hardy _____
Write-In Candidate __________________________

HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY COUNSELOR

Mary Wombwell _____
Write-In Candidate __________________________

EASTERN UNIVERSITY COUNSELOR

Liz Loeper _____
Write-In Candidate __________________________

TREASURER

Kathleen McMullen _____
Write-In Candidate __________________________

NOMINATING CHAIRPERSON

Patricia Giuliana _____
Write-In Candidate __________________________

*Positions not filled will be appointed at the discretion of the President and the Executive Board.
PLEASE SEND YOUR BALLOT BY:

JUNE 30, 2005
2005~2006
Outstanding Nurse Award
Nomination Form

CRITERIA: BSN Degree (minimum)
Candidate must make a significant contribution in the area of nursing practice, research, leadership, or education.

NOMINEE:
Name: _____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ________ Zip: _______________ Phone: H-____________________________________
Institution/Organization: _____________________________________________
Position: ______________________ Phone (H): ___________________________
Degree: ______________________ College/University: ___________________
Member of Sigma Theta Tau? ___ Yes ___ No          If yes, Chapter affiliation _______________________________________

Reason for Nomination: Please address specifically how nominee has contributed to the nursing profession (refer to criteria – may use additional sheet of paper if necessary).
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________________________________________________________________________

NOMINATOR:
Name: _____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ________ Zip: _______________ Phone: H-____________________________________
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

DEADLINE: January 30, 2006
PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATION FORM BY:

JANUARY 30, 2006
**Assistance Needed for Community Service Projects**

Dear Colleagues,

At this time we are asking for contributions for our Annual Community Service Projects at Eastern University, Holy Family University, and Neumann College.

If you can spare $5.00 or $10.00, it would go a long way to ensure that some worthy children and older adults have much needed resources over the holidays.

Please send checks and make them payable to” Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. Donations should be mailed to our treasurer:

*Dr. Mary E. Wombwell*

Pier 3, 3 N. Columbus Blvd.
Apt. #114
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1499

We appreciate your support for these projects!

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**Scholarship and Grant Money “Up for Grabs”**

Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large will award one Graduate and one Undergraduate Scholarship each in the amount of $1000 during the 2005-2006 year. Additionally, we will award one Research Grant in the amount of $1000. The Graduate Scholarship and Research Grant Awards will be given directly to the recipient to be used toward his/her graduate course of study and research. The Undergraduate Scholarship Award will be deposited into the student’s account at his/her school.

In order to be eligible for the Undergraduate Award, the applicant must:

1. Be currently enrolled as a nursing student at Neumann College, Eastern, or Holy Family Universities.
2. Agree to a 1 year service commitment to the chapter
3. Completed all JUNIOR level nursing courses
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25
5. Submit a short essay.
6. Submit one copy of official transcripts.
7. Submit a faculty recommendation.

To be eligible for the Graduate Award, the applicant must:

1. Be an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large (paid dues are up-to-date)
2. Agree to a 1 year service commitment to the chapter
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25
4. Completed 1/3 of graduate program requirements.
5. Submit a short essay.
6. Submit one copy of official transcripts.
7. Submit a faculty recommendation.

To be eligible for the Research Grant, the applicant must:

1. Be an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large (paid dues are up-to-date)
2. Submit Proposal Abstract (limited to 4 pages)
3. Present a poster presentation at induction ceremony

Deadline for all applications is January 30, 2006. The recipients of the Undergraduate, Graduate and Research Awards will be acknowledged at the 26th Annual Induction Ceremony. To receive an application and further instructions for any of these awards, please contact your faculty counselors (Liz Loeper, Eastern, Mary Wombwell, Holy Family, Sheila Cunningham, Neumann) OR:

Download applications at: http://deltatau.libertynet.org
Eastern University recently began a new second degree BSN program for those who already have a college degree in another discipline. The students enrolled in this program come from a multitude of different backgrounds and they share a common desire to be professional nurses.

The department of nursing at Eastern is currently in the process of forming a mentoring group to assist the students as they progress through the program. Eastern University members of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large are asked to consider volunteering as mentors. Being available by phone or email to answer questions about nursing roles, professionalism, scholarship or about a specific specialty concern are a few of the ways that volunteer mentors could make a significant contribution to the education of a future nurse. If you are interested in joining this new endeavor, please contact Liz Loeper, Eastern University’s faculty counselor at 610-225-5674 or via email at eloepereastern.edu