Engaging Members Through Scholarly Conversations in Nursing
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- Engage chapter members, current students, and members of the community to learn about and discuss topics relevant to current nursing practice
- Disseminate knowledge related to timely topics that affect the health of populations in our community
- Provide opportunities for networking and collaboration among chapter and community members

Goal is to hold two events annually
Alpha Omicron Board sets dates for events and chooses topics based on current health concerns
Planning committee formulated
Collaboration with Alumni Office
Marketing support
Collaboration with Facilities Management
Offer CE credit

ATENDANCE:
- Range of participants 40-122; Average =76 participants
- Included Chapter members, SON students and alums, faculty, and community members

PARTICIPANT EVALUATIONS:
- Range of responses 1-5; 1=Poor, 5=Excellent
  Average = 4.3
  “Very informative, while including research and relevant data.” “Provided a unique perspective on aspects of marijuana use.” “I really enjoyed learning and hearing from individuals who personally experienced mental illness.” “Thoughtful presentations and discussions.” “I wish this information (on intimate partner violence) was available to me 20 years ago.”

INCREASED VISIBILITY FOR OUR CHAPTER AND FOR NURSING
- Choose topics that appeal to all settings and age groups
- Connect with local experts on the topic
- Continue to partner with clinical agencies to strengthen relationships and opportunities for collaboration
- Design handouts to include major points of the presentations
- Develop a thorough system for record-keeping regarding attendance and evaluations

Objectives

Methods

Events

- Global Guidelines for Culturally Competent Care (October 2016)
- Medical Marijuana (February 2017)
- Intimate Partner Violence (October 2017)
- You Are Not Alone: Living With Mental Illness (March 2018)

Outcomes

- Photos of Event Flyers