

# The Gamma Tau at-Large Chapter Celebrating Nursing Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service



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## Introduction

The Gamma Tau-at-Large Chapter promotes the Sigma mission by celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. The chapter has incorporated Connect, Collaborate and Catalyze themes by hosting numerous educational programs throughout the year, supporting research activities that advocate for nursing advancement, and serving the local community through volunteering.

## Purpose

Highlight the work we have achieved as a chapter towards meeting Sigma’s mission and the current President’s call to action.

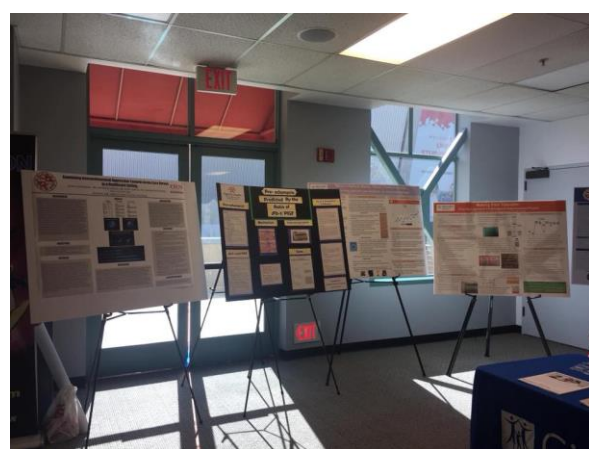
## Scholarship

The chapter provides \$10,000 research grants annually to support members doing research to advance nursing science and scholarship. Examples of projects funded in 2017:

- ❑ Adherence to hypertension self-management behaviors through mindfulness - \$5,000
- ❑ Comparison of local anesthetics for intravenous catheter insertion in hospitalized pediatric patients - \$2,000
- ❑ Information continuity in the pediatric intensive care unit - \$2,000
- ❑ Effect of RN implicit bias on pain outcomes in the emergency department - \$1,000

The chapter hosts multiple evidence-based practice and research conferences throughout the year

- ❑ CSUN Annual EBP and Research Conference –100 attendees
- ❑ UCLA Annual EBP and Research Conference – 300 attendees
- ❑ UCLA School of Nursing Research Day – 100 attendees
- ❑ National Nursing Ethics Conference – 350 attendees



## Leadership

Mentorship program

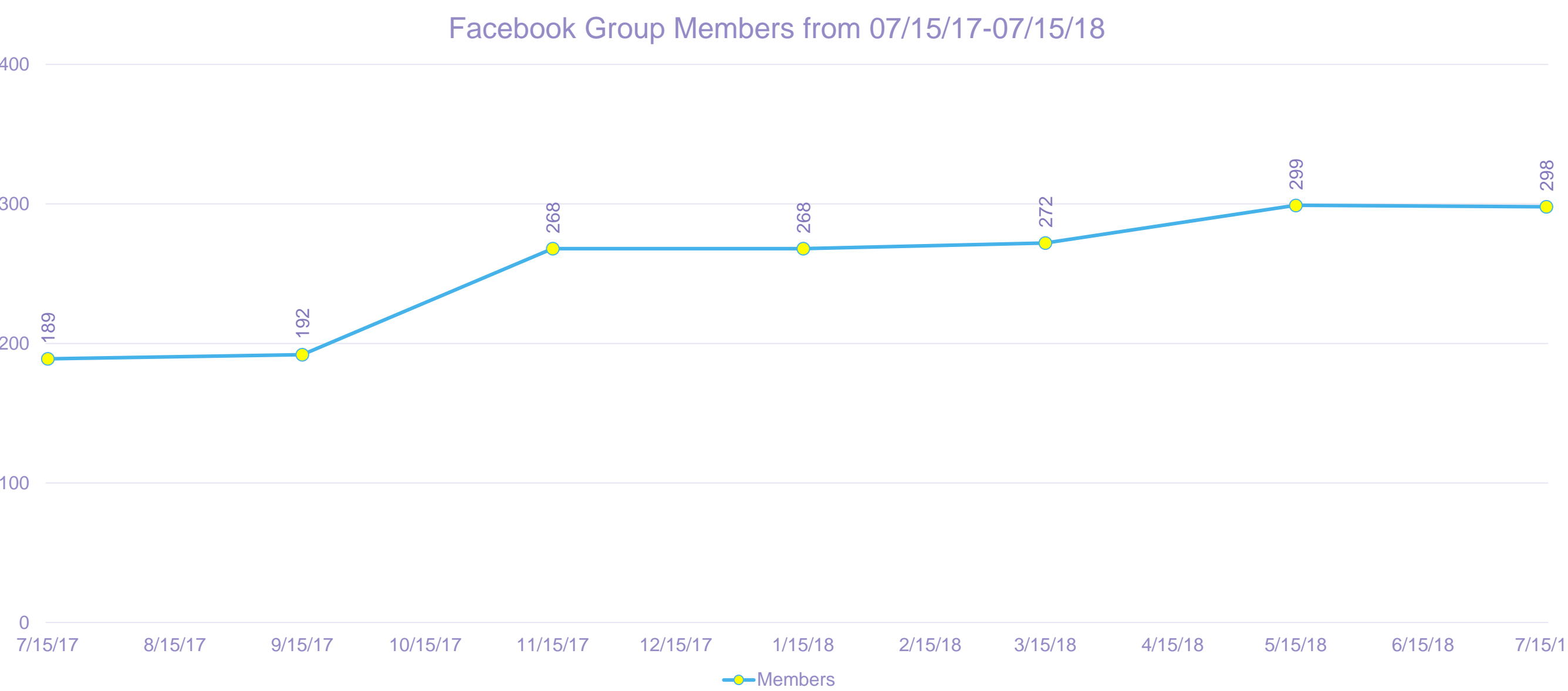
- ❑ Annual board retreat: beginning of the fiscal year to train and define roles and responsibilities to the new officers
- ❑ Board buddy: partnering experienced and new members to assist with role transition
- ❑ Volunteer opportunities: Encourages member involvement with international volunteer groups and committees such as the Odyssey conference planning committee and International Taskforce

Networking Opportunities for New Inductees

- ❑ New member survey results: the majority would like more opportunities for networking and professional development.
- ❑ Open chapter meetings: invite interested nurses to our committee and board meetings to learn more

Engagement through social media and digital platforms

- ❑ Website: more user-friendly and interfaced with our social media platforms to help better engage with the tech-savvy generation
- ❑ Digital platforms: regular discussion postings and updates through The Circle, and our quarterly newsletter (GammaTaulk)



## Service

Annual Community Engagement: In 2017, chapter members participated in Taste of Soul community event in to serve the underserved and unrepresented population

- ❑ Provide patient education pamphlets and community resources
- ❑ We provided free health screenings for blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol.



## Chapter Awards/Recognition

- ❑ Chapter Key Award
- ❑ Showcase of Regional Excellence
- ❑ Website of the Month



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