Title: SPECIAL SESSION: Sigma Leadership Opportunities: What Are You Waiting For?

Keywords: Leadership, Opportunities and Service

Description/Overview: Members of the Leadership Succession Committee will discuss opportunities for serving as an international leader in the Honor Society. Open positions and position descriptions will be identified during this session as well as qualifications and time commitment required.

References: https://www.sigmanursing.org/

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