

Delta Theta Builds a Consortium to Engage other Chapters in Global Health Activities

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Introduction

- Since 1999, Delta Theta chapter at University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation has built a consortium of chapters that have engaged in global health activities.
- Six chapters (Region 6) in the North Texas area first collaborated together to sponsor a project in India under the leadership of Delta Theta.
- Consortium projects have taken place in two other countries, Uganda and Haiti.
- The consortium's strategic plan is to be involved internationally with nursing education projects.
- This poster highlights the consortium's past, present and future activities and demonstrates how Delta Theta has engaged other chapters.

Projects in Uganda

- Since 2007, projects have been conducted with the Makerere University School of Nursing, northeast of the capitol city of Kampala.
- Projects include curriculum and research workshops, joint research projects and funds for library resources.
- *Eta Gamma* has joined Delta Theta to provide meals for workshops in Uganda and purchase small gifts for the nurses who attend.
- Uganda Nurses and Midwives Union building which the house the ICN's Wellness Centre.



Post-earthquake Haiti

- The 2010 earthquake opened the door for the consortium to provide activities for the Haiti National School of Nursing (HNSON) in Port-au-Prince.
- The entire three-story school was destroyed in the earthquake.
- The majority of the second year class was lost in the disaster.
- When the structure collapsed 81 of the 107 second year students perished.
- One first year student also died, as did 8 third year students and one faculty member.
- Region 6 provided funds that placed an ICN French Mobile Nursing Library at Grace Children's Hospital which is a pediatric clinical site for the students.
- The school operated out of tents and transitioned to classrooms fashioned from shipping containers by March 2013 near the site of the original school building.
- The consortium established a scholarship fund for first year students and worked with nursing leadership at the school to select students and disburse funds according to their needs.
- To honor the collaborative nature of the consortium's partnership, the Dean of the HNSON was inducted into Delta Theta in May, 2015.

Future Activities

- Placement of a commemorative plaque honoring the Region 6 consortium at the Rebekah Ann Naylor School of Nursing.
- Continue to provide funds for graduation reception expenses for the nursing students, recruit consortium members to travel to share their knowledge and expertise to nurses and nursing students through workshops, continuing education and academic endeavors. Come join us!
- Share and provide expertise in the management and use of a simulation laboratory at the Grace Children's Hospital with joint use by local schools of nursing.



STTI Consortium Region 6

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- *Eta Gamma*, Louise Herrington School of Nursing, Baylor University Dallas, TX
- *Beta Alpha*, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX
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Building the Consortium's Projects

- Activities with international partners must be built with mutual respect and trust.
- By listening to the needs of both partners, nursing knowledge is shared and activities developed.

Consortium's First Project - India

- Rebekah Ann Naylor School of Nursing at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in Bangalore, southern India.
- This area has limited opportunity for the education of nursing students.
- Funds were provided to purchase two new uniforms for graduates to use during their mandatory two years of return service.
- Funds were granted for a graduation reception.
- Funds provided an International Council of Nurses (ICN) Mobile Library in the Bangalore Baptist Hospital for the staff and new graduates.
- Donation of stethoscopes from the Dallas County chapter of Critical Care Nurses.

