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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Eta Iota chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at the University of New Hampshire's Department of Nursing recently announced the annual induction of its new members. Thirty-seven nurses and nursing students were inducted, including five from Wales and three nurse leaders from the community.

Founded in 1922 by six nursing students to recognize, promote and reward nursing excellence, Sigma Theta Tau International is the world's second-largest nursing organization with more than 200,000 members. It is a worldwide network of nursing leaders, linked together through knowledge, scholarship, research and technology to improve the health of the world's people.

Membership is conferred only on nursing students in baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs who demonstrate excellence in nursing, or nurses with exceptional achievement in their field who have graduated from bachelor's, master's or doctoral programs.

Awards to honor excellence in research and academic achievement were given to the following members: Excellence in Research, Liza Little of Northwood, RNCS, UNH assistant professor of nursing; and Outstanding Student Achievement, Alison Bowie of Manchester, B.S. candidate, Jill Cook of Keene, RN, B.S. candidate, Gloria Gaznarez of Nantucket, Mass., M.S. candidate and Kelly Grady of Northwood, M.S. candidate.

Two research grants were awarded to Kate Collopy of Durham, RN, UNH assistant professor of nursing, and
Dorothy Rentschler of Durham, RN, UNH associate professor of nursing.

The following are the 2002 inductees. Undergraduate juniors: Alyssa Abraham of North Andover, Mass.; Sheryl Cosme of Bristol, Conn.; Elizabeth Dobzelecki of West Chester, Penn.; Kari Donovan of Derry; Erin Flarhardt of Manchester; Kristine Kirby of Attleboro, Mass.; Kathleen Murphy of Nashua; Katie Roy of Berlin; and Lauren Salvemini of New London, Conn.

Undergraduate seniors: Dana Baldassarre of West Newton, Mass.; Siobhan Blackburn of Peterborough; Emily Collins of Melrose, Mass.; Erin Griffin of Reading, Mass.; Kristen Howe of Groton, Mass.; Trisha LaChappelle of Laconia; Joanna Norton of White Bear Lake, Minn.; Melissa Westphal of Durham; and Leesa Williams of Windsor.

RN to B.S. students: Michelle Aube of Quechee, Vt.; Doreen Brado of Lancaster; Vicki Cann; Jill Cooke of Keene; Janice Gregory of Norwich, Vt.; Barbara Leafe; Tanya Lee MacCulloch of North Conway; Nancy Sears-Russell of Derry; and Pamela Towle of Colebrook.

Community leaders: Veronica Zieroff of Nashua; Kathleen Ford; and Cynthia Gray of Derry.

International community leaders: Jane Buncuan, Nicola Eaton, Ruth Marks, Susan Philpin and Nichola Ryley, all of Wales.

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