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Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Orchid Society.

Joanne K. Olson
Cathy L. Riggin
Deborah Lynne Weatherspoon

Why the Orchid?

Sigma's founders selected the orchid as the official flower of the honor society more than 95 years ago, and the significance of its strength and beauty will be valued into the future. The Orchid Society recognizes Sigma members and supporters who have made a commitment to the Sigma Foundation to help ensure the future of global nursing leadership, research, and Sigma programs. Orchid Society membership is open to anyone who is providing a planned gift to the Foundation.

In just a couple of years, Sigma will begin celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The Foundation wants to join you in making sure that there will continue to be increased grant funding for nursing research, evidence-based practice, and leadership; membership subsidies for future inductees; and new Sigma program support for all generations of nurses around the world for the next 100 years. Watch for details later this year. Remember, these are only possible because of Foundation donations and your commitment to the future.

Thank you again for joining the Foundation to support all generations of nurses.

Orchid Society donors

We gratefully recognize Orchid Society donors who've made their commitment to support nursing worldwide.

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Your 2018-2019 impacts

Your future gift to the Foundation will help us continue to grow:

In 2018-2019, donations to the Foundation's Research Permanent Fund have **increased research grant funding by 40%**, providing more grants to nurses who are improving the health of the world's people.

Donations to the Foundation's Future Permanent Fund **provided a 65% increase** in program support to Sigma.

Donations to the Foundation's Leadership Fund resulted in a **60% increase** in leadership education grants and membership subsidies to more than 1,000 nurses and new Sigma inductees around the world.

Help us spread the word!

In order to support all generations of nurses around the world for the next 100 years, we need your help to inform more members and friends of nursing about the Orchid Society. Use the following suggested content to help spread our message.

Use the following suggested posts to talk about the Orchid Society on social media!

Facebook: Who are Sigma's Orchid Society members? Those who have already created their Sigma legacy! Joining with fellow Orchid Society members allows you to ensure the future development of nurses and be celebrated TODAY for your future gift. Want more information? bit.ly/2UvNN87

LinkedIn: By creating your very own Sigma legacy, you're demonstrating your devotion to nursing and to your fellow nurses around the globe. Ensure the development of every generation of nurse leaders and join the Orchid Society today! bit.ly/2UsdfeK

Twitter: Did you know? There's an easy way to create your Sigma legacy AND ensure the future of nursing. Sigma's Orchid Society members want to share it with you, too! Learn more: bit.ly/2UsbK06 #SigmaFoundation #SigmaOrchidSociety

Share your Orchid Society experience via email!

Dear FIRST NAME,

Planned gifts, such as bequests, are ways to provide a future gift to an organization you support or a cause you champion. These types of gifts through the Sigma Foundation for Nursing's Orchid Society allow us to begin celebrating your legacy gift today while we continue to develop every generation of nurse leaders.

Sigma's Orchid Society recognizes and thanks Sigma members and friends of nursing who wish to give back through a planned gift. This gift will help provide grants and other resources to future nurse researchers and leaders around the world.

To learn more about the Orchid Society or to request more information, please visit SigmaNursing.org/OrchidSociety. You can also contact Lynn Lambuth at lynn@sigmanursing.org or +1.317.917.4909 (International).

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