

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the 33rd annual Sigma Theta Tau Gamma New Reinkemeyer Research Day. It is a pleasure to have you join us this year.

We're glad to be able to offer this program virtually and want to thank so many of the presenters who agreed to come back this year after the program was cancelled last year due to COVID.

The outcome of this program is that as a result of attending the program, 80% of the participants will self identify they've improved their knowledge of methods. To be able to disseminate recent research findings and the impact, recent research has on patient outcomes, I wanted to start off actually with some housekeeping items.

Please keep your video cameras off and microphones on mute throughout the program. Any questions can be placed in the chat box, which will be monitored by members of gamma new. You must attend the full day in order to receive the CEU credits for the program.

There will be a link for the evaluation form emailed to you later today. This must be completed in order to receive the ceu's.

At its inception, this conference on Nursing Research was named in honor of Sister Reinkemeyer the third Dean of the College of Nursing at Seton Hall University. Nursing researchers and clinical nurse experts come together to present research study findings and evidence for best nursing practices to peers, colleagues and students.

Sister Reinkemeyer served as Dean of the College of Nursing at Seton Hall University. From 1968 through 1977, she was the first team to have earned a doctoral degree, receiving a PhD in nursing education from the University of California at Berkeley in 1996. Sister Reinkemeyer had a visionary approach to nursing education and practice for that time. Much must be done to improve certain aspects of nursing education and nursing practice, she said. No giant step forward will be taken in either direction unless nurses become serious about doing an using research in nursing.

Sister Reinkemeyer left Seton Hall to return to the work of her religious order, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and went to Africa in 1983. In 1989, Sister was killed by gunmen seeking money who opened fire on her health care mission in Kenya.

The annual rank of my research day continues Sister Reinkemeyers dedication to the development of nursing science practice. An education. So welcome here today.

Thank you for joining us an virtually our first attempt at this. I would like to start the day by introducing the Dean of the College of Nursing, Marie Foley.

Dean Foley has been working at Seton Hall University since 1985, and Dean since 2015. Under her leadership, the College of Nursing, has made the move from the South Orange campus to the new technologically advanced Interprofessional Health Sciences Campus in Nutley. This campus is shared with other health care professions under the School of Health and Medical Sciences and the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine.

It is my pleasure to introduce Dean Marie Foley.

Thank you so much Nancy. It's a pleasure to be here and I'm so happy even though we can't be in person that at least we're here. Virtually.

So again, I would like to welcome all of our faculty, our students. I would like to thank all of the gamma new Members for putting this program on all of our alumni who are present here. All of the presenters and our students.

Research Day is actually one of my favorite events. It's when we come together as a community of scholars to hear what everyone is doing to advance the knowledge of nursing.

It's a day when students are able to participate in the excitement of hearing others research and it's so wonderful to see everyone who's presenting their work.

I would especially like to welcome Doctor Linda Honan. I'm truly looking forward to hearing your interesting presentation on the very innovative topic of integrating the humanities into healthcare education.

And so I hope you all enjoy your day and thank you for coming.

Thank you Dean Foley for the warm welcome. Next I would like to introduce the President of the Gamma new chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Cathy Black.

Miss Black is an assistant clinical professor at Rutgers University School of Nursing. She specifically works with new nurses in their transition to practice. It is my pleasure to introduce Miss Kathy Black.

Good morning everyone. My name is Kathy Black and it's my pleasure and privilege as president of Gamma Nu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau to welcome you to the 33rd annual ranking my research day.

The Research Committee has been working extremely hard for almost two years on today's program, and we're very pleased that after the disappointing necessity of canceling last year Gamma Nuancing Hall College of Nursing could continue the long and proud tradition of research stay together as Dean Foley just said.

It is also one of my favorite professional days of the year and I'm looking forward to being together with everyone next year as we as we end this pandemic that we're in right now.

So thank you all for being with us today. Enjoy the program which I know is going to be wonderful and filled with new information. Thank you.

Thank you so much. Miss Black.