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BUILDING **Di****Ver****SE** RELATIONSHIPS

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THE VISION of the Honor Society of
Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International
*is to create a global community
of nurse leaders and scholars.*

Individually and collectively, these diverse individuals shape the health of citizens through their practices, research and education of self and others. They influence global health by caring for patients and families and by collaborating with colleagues in other disciplines in decision making and policy development. The nurturing and mentoring relationships nurses form exact change across the profession and health care spectrum. The partnerships they build with individuals and communities, using their knowledge and the science, result in positive health outcomes. The focus of the society is to attend to the learning and professional development needs of nurse leaders and scholars, thereby enabling them to enact the organization's vision.

The society has long recognized the powerful impact nursing's intellectual capital exerts on health care. It also values the diversity of experiences, perspectives and knowledge its members bring to their communities and this organization. It endeavors to undertake initiatives that maximally support and use this diversity to influence the health of people and the profession. In addition, the organization is cognizant of the opportunity to increase the breadth of this influence by building relationships. Developing and working with partners (individuals or organizations) enhances the ability of those involved to achieve success.

Translating the core values of leadership and scholarship into building diverse relationships is an essential activity across all strategic goals of Sigma Theta Tau International and the one I call us all to act upon in the 2001-2003 biennium.

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**Develop members across the
span of their careers:**

- Create initiatives that address specific member population needs
- Maximally use expertise and talents of members
- Support diversity in member recruitment and growth
- Facilitate faculty development in partnership with others

**Build strong chapters and
foster collaboration:**

- Support chapter engagement in interdisciplinary community projects that erase disparities
- Assist chapters in technology implementation of governance, administration and communication
- Offer opportunities for chapter leadership development and mentoring

**Advance global linkages
at the organizational and
member levels:**

- Establish a global agenda for the organization
- Define the hallmarks of diversity for the society
- Advance the use of the online member community

**Prepare and position nurses
to lead in diverse, complex
health-related environments:**

- Create cross country and multidisciplinary mentoring opportunities and exchanges
- Engage in partnerships and multidisciplinary collaborations
- Provide opportunities for development of leadership and scholarship skills in culturally diverse nurse populations

**Advance the scientific base
of nursing practice through the
scholarship of research:**

- Expand the multidisciplinary dissemination of nursing research
- Promote researcher development opportunities
- Expand research funding base and opportunities in society
- Advance the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library as the global hub for nursing research

**Stimulate scholarly practice in
professional lives of members:**

- Increase dissemination of information that facilitates evidence-based practice
- Facilitate discovery of culturally relevant application of scholarship for practice and education
- Inform the public about nurse scholar contributions to the improved health of people
- Create mentoring opportunities for faculty and students

**Identify, secure and use a
variety of resources to ensure
the organization's future:**

- Design a governance structure that maximizes member involvement globally
- Examine issues of succession planning to ensure next generation of organizational leaders
- Facilitate development of financial management skills of chapter leaders and members
- Increase funding base of society