

GRATITUDE

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others"
-Cicero

STTI has an established track record of nurturing a spirit of philanthropy. Gratitude as a virtue, character trait, and emotion is embedded in the spirit of giving and sharing. By living a life of gratitude, we find meaning in our personal and professional lives and respectfully connect and embrace the diversity of people.

- Celebrate STTI's Founders Day (5 October) annually with 90 minutes of service in recognition of the honor society's legacy.
- Demonstrate gratitude by making a contribution to the Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation.
- Pay it forward.
- Build a record of "livacy."
- Submit nominations to recognize colleagues
 - International and Chapter Awards
 - International Researcher Hall of Fame
 - Honorary members
- Keep a daily gratitude diary.
- Practice showing appreciation.
- Celebrate diversity.

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SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) is positioned globally to advance leadership and leadership development. Twenty-first century leadership is about service, with people as the greatest resource and trust as the currency. Servant leadership is demonstrated by selfless service, compassion, and having a heart. Leaders should serve through servitization, building community, and a commitment to the development of others. Through servant leadership, as we encourage the greatness in others, STTI will advance its mission and vision. Below are examples of how each of us as members can demonstrate servant leadership at the local, regional, and global levels.

- Make servant leadership the foundation value for everything you do.
- Give selfless service to the profession and STTI by engaging in chapter, regional, and global activities.
- Show compassion by treating every person you meet with absolute justice, equity and respect.
- Be of service to members, STTI, and communities, therefore contributing to the health of the world's population.
- Engage in activities that will assist in achieving the United Nations Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.
- Be a selfless mentor and invest in new nurses and new members.
- Utilize career-advancement opportunities.
- Participate in continuing nursing education and be an advocate for continuous development.
- Promote the excellent resources available through Nursing Knowledge International (NKI).
- Share your expertise and become an STTI author.
- Open up your networks to prospective participants and share knowledge.
- Give input and react upon request to the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON).
- Participate in the Global Nurse Executive Leadership Institute.
- Apply for the leadership academies, either as a mentor or a participant.
- Participate in the Board Leadership Institute to obtain the knowledge and skills to serve effectively on boards.
- Join the Speakers Bureau and share your expertise.
- Invest in leadership succession by developing chapter, regional, and international leaders.
- Develop a leadership intern program at the chapter and regional levels.

CONNECTEDNESS

Connectedness is a sense of being part of something larger than oneself and it provides a sense of belonging. Embedded in connectedness is collaboration and networking supported by technology. Collaboration is working together through sharing and openness to achieve a common purpose. Networking, formed from our interactions and relationships, makes our lives meaningful. Technology provides a platform to engage in collaboration and networking opportunities with colleagues across organizations and disciplines worldwide. STTI invigorates connectedness through collaboration and networking locally, regionally, and globally to support nurses in making a difference to the health of the world's population. Examples of how each of us can become more connected are listed below.

- Build strong chapters that are providing relevant programmes and cultivate a spirit of collaboration.
- Engage in the online communities of interest or create a new one. www.thecircle.nursingsociety.org
- Populate the Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository. www.nursinglibrary.org
- Engage in the International Academic Nursing Alliance (IANA). www.iana.nursingsociety.org
- Present your work at STTI conferences and events.
- Submit the results of your research to STTI journals for publication.
- Introduce students to STTI as soon as they enter the nursing program.
- Make the time to reach out to people and members in your network and demonstrate a willingness to serve.
- Routinely attend the monthly or quarterly meetings held by your chapter and make a positive contribution.
- Attend STTI's International Nursing Research Congress.
- Network at conventions, congresses, and other STTI events.
- Reach out to chapters across STTI networks and create collaborative initiatives.
- Use social media to build your network and expand collaboration.
 - The Circle www.thecircle.nursingsociety.org
 - LinkedIn www.linkedin.com/company/sigma-theta-tau-international
 - Twitter www.twitter.com/stti, Follow @STTI and @klopperhc
 - Facebook www.facebook.com/SigmaThetaTauIntl
- Complete your VIProfile to allow you to connect with STTI activities. www.thecircle.nursingsociety.org
- Participate in STTI's webinars.

TRANSFORMATION

Twenty-first century leadership asks for change in nature and character as organizational structures are transformed in the context of economic globalisation and rapid technological change. The principles of member-centred services with local relevance and regional application remain. Transformation within chapters and regions will be continued with the goal of relevance and equal access to all services and products for all members. Distinct activities are involved in transformation, and you are invited to participate in these throughout the biennium.

Co-invention through the rollout of the new STTI vision and mission and refining the strategic intent through a shared commitment

- Read the board of directors updates on the STTI website to familiarize yourself with the progress.
- Read *Reflections on Nursing Leadership* to see new trends and the rollout of the STTI strategic intent.
- Heighten global awareness through chapter, regional, and international activities.
- Use chapter growth plans to take your chapter from "good" to "great."

Active engagement in chapters and regions

- Share in decision-making at your chapter and regional level.
- Participate in chapter and regional activities.
- Be change agents and champions for the organization as we expand our global presence.
- Advance policy influence as the window of opportunity presents itself in your chapter and region.

Advance regional growth and infrastructure

- Engage in initiatives to actively grow the membership in all regions of the world.
- Investigate options at the international board level for establishing regional support and structure that will increase growth.

