

WESTERN INSTITUTE OF NURSING 2008 STUDENT UPDATE

SPRING, 2008

Welcome to the 41st WIN Conference!



Student Highlights

Welcome to Southern California! Thank you for choosing to attend the Western Institute of Nursing's 41st Conference. The theme this year is "The Circle of Nursing Knowledge: Education, Practice, and Research." This promises to be an exciting meeting and throughout the week there will be a number of events and activities for students.

If this is your first time at WIN, please be sure and attend the **first-timers breakfast** on Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

On Friday morning from 7 - 8 a.m., The University of Washington will host the WIN annual **Student Breakfast**. ALL students are invited to attend. At approximately 7:30, there will be a brief presentation about the benefits of joining WIN.

On Thursday afternoon the WIN membership will be voting on a proposed bylaws change that will change the student board member position from *ex officio* to full voting member of the Board of

Governors. Please show up to the **Membership Assembly** and share your opinion on the matter.

A number of students will be presenting their research projects at the four poster sessions this week. Please be sure to stay for the **Poster Awards Presentation** on Saturday afternoon from 1:15-1:30.

We hope you enjoy the conference and look forward to meeting many of you!

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WIN Student Awards

There are many opportunities for student awards within WIN. This past year we were fortunate to give three awards to students or recently graduated new researchers.

CANS/WIN Dissertation Award

This was a new award is for current doctoral students to help fund their dissertation research. The award is co-sponsored by the Council on the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) and

comes with \$5000 in research funding.

This year the award was given to Laurie A. Linder, PhD(c), APRN, CPON®, Doctoral Candidate, College of Nursing, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. The title of her paper is, "Biobehavioral and Environmental Influences on Sleep in Children with Cancer."

ANF/WIN Research Grant



The 2007 ANF/WIN Research Grant was given to Martha Driessnack, PhD, PNP. She is a graduate of OHSU School of Nursing, and is currently on faculty at the University of Iowa

College of Nursing. Her paper was "Exploring what Children Know about Genetics." She is seeking to understand children's knowledge of genetic concepts and how these concepts have developed.

Carol A. Lindeman Award for a New Researcher

This award recognizes excellence in research among new researchers.

The 2008 award will be presented at the Thursday Awards Luncheon to



WIN Awards (Cont'd)

Cecelia I. Roscigno, MN, PhC, RN, CNRN, School of Nursing, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Her paper is titled "Longing for Everydayness: Life after Traumatic Brain Injury in Children.



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WIN Student Board Position

Bylaws Change

At the WIN Membership Assembly on Thursday afternoon, the Board of Directors will propose that the membership change the student board position from an *ex officio* (non-voting) to a full voting member of the Board of Directors.

This change will allow students to have a bigger voice in deciding the future direction of WIN. It will help WIN have more

Sigma Theta Tau International/WIN Research Grant

This award also recognizes excellence in research. The award comes with \$2,500 to help support the recipient's research.

For More Information

For more information on these and other WIN awards, please attend the Awards Luncheon on Thursday afternoon!

These awards are offered **annually** and all WIN student members are encouraged to apply. Please watch the WIN

website (<http://www.winursing.org>) for more information on the applications, deadlines, criteria, etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Good Luck!

student-focused activities and encourage student involvement in the organization. The meeting is scheduled from 4:30-5:45 p.m. and all members are invited to attend.

Seeking New Student Board Member

Attention all Students!!! In Winter 2008, WIN will be soliciting applications for a **new Student Board Member**. If the proposed bylaws change is approved

by the membership, this will be a 3-year term with full voting rights.

This is a great opportunity for leadership development. All interested students are encouraged to apply. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of this position, please contact Allison Webel, current student board member, at win@ohsu.edu for more information!

Podcast Contest

The image of "nurse as scientist" is largely absent from public perception of nurses and nursing. In January 2008, CANS announced a competition to increase visibility and public awareness of nurses' roles as scientists via creating a series of enhanced podcasts.

This contest was open to all

WIN nursing student members and nursing students from schools that are WIN member agencies.

The deadline for this contest was March 31, 2008. The selection will be announced at the WIN Conference. We will be posting the winning submission on the student section of the WIN web-

site. Please check back for the exciting results.