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## **IWU To Induct Eight Students Into Nursing Honorary Society**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—On April 21, eight Illinois Wesleyan University students and four community members were inducted into the Theta Pi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, an international honor society for professional nursing.

The induction ceremony took place in IWU's Evelyn Chapel with Deb Smith, vice president of Patient Services at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington as the guest speaker.

Sigma Theta Tau International is the second largest and one of the most prestigious nursing organizations in the world, with approximately 120,000 active members. The society's members are active in more than 78 countries and territories, and 383 chapter honor societies are located on more than 450 college and university campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, and Australia. Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to community leaders who demonstrate exceptional achievement in nursing.

The IWU chapter was established in 1983. Students are selected based on academic achievement, contribution to the profession, and from the recommendation of chapter members. Student members must have a 3.0/4.0 grade point average and rank in the upper 35 percentile of their graduating class.

The IWU students were:

- Amy Austin, a junior nursing major from Bolingbrook, Ill. (Romeoville HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Austin.
- Michelle Dionne, a junior nursing major from Pana, Ill. (Pana HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven L. Dionne.
- Jeanna Ebert, a senior nursing major from Ashton, Ill. (Ashton HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall L. Ebert.
- Heidi Evans, a junior nursing major from Jerseyville, Ill. (Jersey Community HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Evans.
- Ashlee Jontz, a senior nursing major from Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jontz.
- Shaylon Siepker, a junior nursing major from Pittsfield, Ill. (Pittsfield HS), daughter of Mrs. Gay Siepker.
- Ann Steele, a junior nursing major from Champaign, Ill. (Champaign Centennial HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Peoples.
- Ashley Vogen, a junior nursing major from Mount Carmel, Ill. (Oelwein HS), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary N. Vogen.

Community members also inducted into Sigma Theta Tau:

- Connie Anderson of Bloomington, Ill. (Nursing Intervention Laboratory Coordinator, IWU School of Nursing, Critical Care Nurse, Springfield Memorial)
- Tamara A. Barba of Bloomington, Ill. (Family Nurse Practitioner (PT), Medical Hills, Bloomington)
- Susan Caldwell of Morton, Ill. (Administrator of St. Joseph and St. James Home Care Agencies)
- Sarah Sullivan of Champaign, Ill. (Staff development and education for critical care services, patient education and follow up cardiac surgery)