

Newsletter



The National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care



A Time for Reflection and Congratulations

*A*s I mentioned in my last column, Lambda Beta has finally turned the corner on its identity. We made the transition from being a society with minimal recognition to one that is readily identified and celebrated throughout the respiratory care profession. It took a lot of time, persistence and hard work, but was certainly worth the effort.

Lambda Beta started in 1986 when a group of individuals had a vision for an honor society for the profession of respiratory care. Theron Van Hooser, Dale Bean, Phil von der Heydt, and Doug Hooper were all instrumental during Lambda Beta's infancy.

Ever since, Lambda Beta has put *honor* at the forefront. The society's purpose is to promote achievement of high scholarly standards within the programs and chapters through the encouragement of membership and recognition of graduation with honors. But these were to be individuals with a difference: minds and enthusiasm shaped by scholarly achievement.

The name of the society is based on the goals of the Respiratory Care profession: sustaining "life and breath" for all mankind. Lambda (Λ) is the Greek letter "L", and beta (Β) is the Greek letter "B". Lambda Beta is dedicated to promoting, recognizing and honoring scholarship, scholarly achievement, service, and character of students, graduates, and faculty members of the profession.

One of my goals as president of Lambda Beta was to continue this vision and increase the awareness of Lambda Beta on a national level and form new chapters. Personally I would love to see every Respiratory Care program have an active chapter of Lambda Beta. I believe Lambda Beta's identity as

Notes From the President

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the honor society for the profession of respiratory care has been achieved as demonstrated by our last newsletter. I was so pleased to see and read about the enthusiasm and participation at the local chapters. This is certainly a wonderful example of our honor society's success. Now that we have raised the bar, I encourage all of you to continue this enthusiasm and let us celebrate your success too.

Now it will take more time and this same level of commitment to assure that we continue our goals, that we make it reality in our words and in our actions. We need to consider how Lambda Beta can stay bright and grow, and remember what it means to put honor at the forefront. In light of these goals I encourage each of you who read this newsletter to continue my passion for fostering Lambda Beta in our profession. I would also like to encourage you to consider submitting a noteworthy item for the "Kudos Section" in our newsletters. This is an excellent opportunity to share your faculty, alumni and students' successes with Lambda Beta on a national level. What a wonderful way to promote honor.

Finally, so far in 2009, Lambda Beta has inducted 269 new members, 30 faculty members and increased our total chapters to 118. Congratulations to all of our new members and welcome to the Lambda Beta Society.

As Lambda Beta continues to grow, your participation, support and dedication to the society is greatly appreciated. Please let me know how we can continue to improve and serve you.

Kim V. Hill, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT, AE-C
President, Lambda Beta Society



New Chapters in 2009

The Lambda Beta Society has added 4 new chapters as of July 15, 2009. We also have added our first chapter from Hawaii this year. Congratulations to all our new chapters and look forward to receiving information from them to add to our newsletter. They are:

- East Los Angeles College –
Santa MonicaMarch 2009
Monterey Park CA
- Goodwin CollegeFebruary 2009
East Hartford CT
- Kapi'olani Community CollegeJuly 2009
Honolulu HI
- Armstrong Atlantic State University Reactivated
Savannah GA their chapter in
February 2009

Society Calls for National Honorary Member Nominations

The most prestigious designation in the Lambda Beta Society is the National Honorary membership. This honor is reserved for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution nationally to the progress and/or development of the art, science, literature or public understanding of respiratory care.

The Lambda Beta Executive Board grants National Honorary membership to one individual each year. National Honorary members can be nominated by any member or chapter by submission of a nomination letter to the Executive Board. If you believe someone has made a one-of-kind contribution to the profession and deserves such an honorary title, submit your letter of nomination to the Executive Board in care of the Executive Office no later than **November 1, 2009**. The 2009 National Honorary Member will be named during the Lambda Beta Reception on December 6, 2009 during the AARC International Respiratory Congress in San Antonio TX.

Announcing New Board Member – Dr. Henry Oh

Lambda Beta recently appointed Dr. Henry Oh to the Executive Board. Currently Dr. Oh is the Director of the Simulation Center at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico.

Dr. Oh earned several credentials in respiratory therapy, medical technology, clinical laboratory science and allied health education. He received the National Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention award in 2007 from the Career Colleges Association (CCA), and the Distinguished Achievement Award in 2009 from the American Medical Technologists, Inc (AMT). He is a Fellow of the Graduate Academy of Management (FGAM); and an associate fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Oh is highly experienced in Respiratory Therapy education and practice. He has experience as a Director of Clinical Education at Maric College in Modesto, CA, and as a Program Director at Pima Medical Institute and Santa Fe Community College in New Mexico. His goals in each of these positions were to encourage individuals to achieve academic excellence, and to develop and advance their careers in health science. In addition he has been a strong supporter of the Lambda Beta Society by increasing its membership and chapters with each respiratory therapy program he has been involved with.

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Henry Oh to the Lambda Beta Board of Directors.



Dr. Henry Oh, on right

Scholarships Available in 2009

The Lambda Beta Society is pleased to announce that the following awards will be offered in 2009.

Gerald K. Dolan Memorial Scholarship

Gerald Dolan was a dedicated respiratory care educator, mentor, and leader in our profession. In his memory, a new scholarship will be presented in 2009 to a student enrolled in a baccalaureate or masters level program in respiratory care.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in good standing in a college or university with an active Lambda Beta Society Chapter, must be in the top 25% of the respiratory class with a minimum GPA of 3.0, must conduct and submit an independent, original literature review relevant to respiratory care, and must comply with the scholarship application requirements and deadline.

Deshpande-Pilbeam Media Award

In its second year, this award is presented on the merits of an original, independent media presentation relevant to respiratory care and must comply with the application requirements and deadline.

To be eligible, applicants must (1) be enrolled in good standing in an approved respiratory care program with an active Lambda Beta Society Chapter or (2) have graduated within one calendar year of the application deadline from an approved respiratory care program with an active Lambda Beta Chapter.

AMP Scholarship, Lambda Beta Scholarship, Thomas and Kim Hill Scholarship

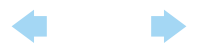
These awards are open to students enrolled in an approved, entry level or an approved, advanced level respiratory care program based at a community college, technical college, college, or university. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in good standing in a college or university with an active Lambda Beta Society Chapter, must be in the top 25% of the respiratory class with a minimum GPA of 3.0, and must conduct and submit an independent, original literature review in compliance with the award guidelines and deadline.

Lambda Beta has a number of scholarships available to active chapters. Please encourage your students and or/staff members to view our website www.nbrc.org/LambdaBetaSociety for information regarding these opportunities.

There are a few changes that have been made to the scholarship application process:

1. The paper has been changed from a scientific/research paper to a literature review.
2. Applicant must be in the top 25% of the respiratory class with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 system.
3. A faculty member from the program must verify they have read the paper before it is submitted and sign the application form.
4. A minimum score of 80% must be reached for any scholarships to be awarded.
5. The Gerald K. Dolan Scholarship is available to Baccalaureate or Master Degree level students only.

Applications must meet the criteria described on the application and be postmarked by **October 15, 2009**. Please note that each scholarship has specific criteria which must be met to qualify for scholarships. Several handy flyers can be found on our website for references on how to submit acceptable applications. Winners will be notified by early-November and scholarships will be awarded during the Lambda Beta Reception/Student Survivor Hour on December 5, 2009, at the AARC International Respiratory Congress in San Antonio, Texas. Individuals with questions about the scholarships should contact the Executive Office or go to our website www.nbrc.org/lambda to check out the PowerPoint presentations for tips on writing a scholarly paper.



Nominating Students Made Easy

Reminder you only have to have completed 50% of your respiratory program!

Nominating eligible individuals for membership in the Lambda Beta Society is really quite simple.

As of January 1, 2007, active chapters of Lambda Beta may now nominate students for membership as early as when the students complete 50% of their respiratory care courses. To guide you through this transition we have outlined the necessary steps for you.

Three Easy Steps to Nomination

1. Identify qualifying individuals for membership into the society
 - a. Current students who rank in the top 25% of their class according to overall grade point average as ranked by the program director. Students are eligible for nomination when they complete 50% of their respiratory care courses.
 - b. Faculty with at least two years of full time experience or four years as a part time instructor.
 - c. Alumni who met the criteria for membership at the time of their graduation.
2. Obtain a "Proposal for Membership Form" from our Executive Office.
3. Complete the form and return it to our Executive Office at:

The Lambda Beta Society
PO Box 15945-292
Lenexa, KS 66285

If you have any questions or need any additional information you may contact Glenda Hocker, our Executive Secretary, at ghocker@goAMP.com or at 913-895-4610.

THE LAMBDA BETA SOCIETY

Executive Board Members July 1, 2009

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Lambda Beta Items for Sale!

If you are a member of the Lambda Beta Society, you can order memorabilia items. Some of the items available are as follows:



- Navy Blue Short Sleeve Polo Shirt\$22.50
(Limited Supply Available)
- Lambda Beta Lapel Pin\$15.00

Rising Costs

Due to the rising costs of gold, we have had to raise the price of the Lambda Beta Lapel pin. The price has increased \$5 effective July 1 from \$15 to \$20 plus shipping and handling. Please see our website at www.nbrc.org/lambda for a memorabilia order form.

