

Newsletter

The National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care



A Time for Reflection and Congratulations

Welcome members to the Summer 2010 Edition of the Lambda Beta Newsletter. I hope all of you had a nice spring semester and Graduation exercises that included inducting new Student, Faculty, and Alumni members into our Honor Society.

This past year has been a productive and energizing one for Lambda Beta. We have finalized our Incorporation and Tax exempt status and updated our By-laws to reflect these changes. All these improvements will make Lambda Beta function more efficiently for everyone. In addition, we have plans to give our web-site a face-lift to make it easier to access and navigate. Look for these changes in the coming months.

This past December Lambda Beta had our annual exhibit at the AARC International Congress in San Antonio, TX. It is events like this that send home the message about the work we do at Lambda Beta. Our mission is to recognize the achievements of students, alumni, and faculty in the profession of Respiratory Care and last year was no exception. Our annual reception was very successful and was greeted with excellent attendance. During the reception we had a short presentation on the society and also presented our annual honorary award and scholarships (see special sections in this newsletter for more information). The scholarship committee was pleased to award three \$1000.00 scholarships. Lambda Beta has certainly benefited from exhibiting at the Congress by increasing the recognition of the society and allowing us to meet and speak with chapters and their students. It is always a pleasure to connect with the members of the chapters. Thank you to all of you who took the time to stop by and talk with us.

Notes From the President

Kim V. Hill, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT, AE-C

Also at the Congress, Lambda Beta was invited along with the NBRC, AARC, and CoARC to the Student Survivor Hour. During this event the three agencies have an opportunity to inform the students of their various roles in the education and credentialing process. Lambda Beta was also fortunate to have the opportunity to inform the students about the honor society and our annual scholarships that are available. Each year we are able to make new contacts, re-connect with our current chapters and provide valuable information about the society and its progress. We look forward to attending this event on an annual basis.

Our ongoing goal is to continue to promote Lambda Beta in each of our current chapters, foster new chapters and bring Lambda Beta national recognition as the Honor Society for Respiratory Care. As I look towards the future I envision our Honor Society with over 300 chapters and one that becomes more visible and recognized within the profession. I encourage all of you to foster this goal.

Finally, since our last newsletter, Lambda Beta has inducted 300 new members, 33 faculty members and increased our total chapters to 132. Congratulations to all of our new members and welcome to the Lambda Beta Society.

As always, your participation in Lambda Beta is greatly encouraged and 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



2009 National Honorary Member Award

This award is reserved for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress, development, art, science, literature or public understanding of respiratory care.

This year's recipient exemplifies many of these qualities.

He has over 35 years of diverse experience as a respiratory therapist in developing and marketing health care products and services. In addition he is established as an educator and manager in academic, industry, research and hospital settings.

He began his career as a graduate of SUNY at Stony Brook with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy and Cardiopulmonary Technology in 1972. From there his career brought him to Colorado where he has held positions as Chief of Pulmonary Function, Coordinator and Educational Director of 2 accredited Community College Respiratory Therapy Programs as well as an administrative coordinator for marketing Resource Department.

Today he is the Executive Vice President for Technical and Professional Service at Transtracheal Systems in Englewood, CO. He has been established as a grant and research specialist, author of many peer-reviewed publications as well as a speaker at many health and respiratory care-related organizational meetings on this topic.



From left to right: Theron Van Hooser and John R. Goodman, BS, RRT,

However, perhaps most importantly he was instrumental in the formation and development of the National Sputum Bowl Championship in 1978 where respiratory therapists compete on factual knowledge in the field. He has served as moderator, judge, item writer and editor for the sputum bowl donating unlimited hours of his time.

Please join us in recognizing Mr. John R. Goodman, BS, RRT, as the 2009 Honorary Member of the Lambda Beta Society.

Honorary Chapter Awards

Dr. Henry Oh, RRT-NPS, MT, Director and Assistant Professor, Respiratory Therapy at San Juan College of Farmington, NM presented two Honorary Member – Chapter level awards this year.

This outstanding honor was awarded to the following administrators at San Juan College: Carol Spencer, PhD (College President) and Mike Tacham MA, MLS (Vice President for Learning). Each of these individuals received recognition for their support to the Respiratory Therapy program.

Dr. Oh is also a member of the Lambda Beta Executive Board.



From left to right: C. Spencer, H. Oh, and M. Tacha

Congratulations to the 2009 Scholarship Winners

Each year the Lambda Beta Society awards scholarships to recognize and encourage academic excellence in the respiratory care profession.

The following scholarships were awarded at the Lambda Beta Reception in December 2009.

2009 Deshpande–Pilbeam Scholarship Winner

Mr. Vijay Deshpande and Mrs. Susan Pilbeam are renowned Educators, Speakers and Authors both Nationally and Internationally. This annual scholarship is possible through their generous donations.

This year's Recipient is:

Rachel Reichling

Georgia State University
Atlanta GA

2009 Gerald Dolan Scholarship Winner

Mr. Gerald Dolan was a dedicated educator, mentor, and leader in our profession. In his memory, a scholarship was awarded to an outstanding student.

This year's Recipient is:

Gwendolyn C. Sirochman

Indiana University of Pennsylvania/West
Pennsylvania Hospital
Pittsburgh PA

2009 Lambda Beta Society/ Tom and Kim Hill Scholarship Scholarship Winner

Tom and Kim Hill are active in the Lambda Beta Society. This scholarship is possible because of their generous donation each year.

This year's Recipient is:

Brittany A. Wolfe

Wheeling Jesuit University
Wheeling WV



*Brittany A. Wolfe accepts the
2009 Lambda Beta Society/
Tom and Kim Hill Scholarship*

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-a-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 October 1, 2010. The 2010 National Honorary Member will be named during the Lambda Beta Reception on December 6, 2010 during the AARC International Respiratory Congress in Las Vegas NV.

Scholarships Available in 2010

The Lambda Beta Society is pleased to announce that the following awards will be offered in 2010. Scholarship packets were mailed to all active chapters on Friday, August 6, 2010. Please contact the Executive Office if you have not received this information.

Gerald K. Dolan Memorial Scholarship

Gerald Dolan was a dedicated respiratory care educator, mentor, and leader in our profession. In his memory, a scholarship will be presented in 2010 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 third 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 accredited respiratory care program with an active Lambda Beta Society Chapter or (2) have graduated within one calendar year of the application deadline from an accredited 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 accredited, 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.

New for 2010 Applicants

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 1, 2010. 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 on December 6, 2010, at the AARC International Respiratory Congress in Las Vegas, NV. Individuals with questions about the scholarship process should contact the Executive Office or go to our website www.nbrc.org/LambdaBetaSociety to check out the PowerPoint presentations for tips on writing a scholarly paper.

New Chapters in 2010



The Lambda Beta Society has added 10 new chapters as of July 15, 2010. Congratulations to all our new chapters and look forward to receiving information from them to add to our newsletter. They are:

Harrisburg Area Community College

Harrisburg PA

American River College

Sacramento CA

Concorde Career College – San Bernadine

San Bernardino CA

St. Johns River Community College

St. Augustine FL

Louisiana State University – Eunice

Eunice LA

San Juan Community College

Farmington NM

Highline Community College

Des Moines WA

St. Mary's/Marshall University

Huntington WV

Borough of Manhattan Community College

New York NY

Norwalk Community College

Norwalk CT

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