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# Newsletter

The National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care



*W*elcome to the first edition of the Lambda Beta Newsletter in 2009. I hope you had a relaxing holiday season, it already seems so long ago. The Lambda Beta Society has been busy over the last six months.

December was a busy month for Lambda Beta. We traveled to Anaheim, California to attend the AARC International Congress and visit with participants in the Exhibit Hall. The reports from the Congress this year have been a wonderful and welcome change. For the first time we actually had individuals stop by our booth and ask how to start a chapter or how to have their current chapter become more involved at the local level. Lambda Beta has worked toward this for many years. Instead of people asking "What is Lambda Beta," they are now asking how to promote the society. Congratulations to us!

In addition to exhibiting at the Congress, Lambda Beta also presented at the Student Survivor Hour in conjunction again with the NBRC, AARC, and CoARC. I am very pleased to report that there was excellent attendance at this event. During the presentations the three agencies had an opportunity to inform the students of their various roles in their education and credentialing process. In addition Jackie Long-Goding, past president of Lambda Beta, had an opportunity to inform the students about the honor society and our annual scholarships that are available. The response to the Student Survivor Hour is quite encouraging and we look forward to seeing you at next year's session in San Antonio, Texas.

## Notes From the President

*Kim V. Hill, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT*



The annual reception which followed the Student Survivor Hour was a big success 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 very pleased to award three \$1,000 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship for the Deshpande-Pilbeam Media Award this year.

Our goal for this year 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.

Finally, since our last newsletter Lambda Beta has inducted 464 new members, 57 faculty members and increased our total chapters by 16. Congratulations to all of our new members and welcome to the Lambda Beta Society.

As always, your participation in Lambda Beta is both encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know how we can continue to serve you. I look forward to seeing you at the AARC Congress in December 2009.

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

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## New Lambda Beta Chapter

### Northern Essex Community College Lawrence, Massachusetts

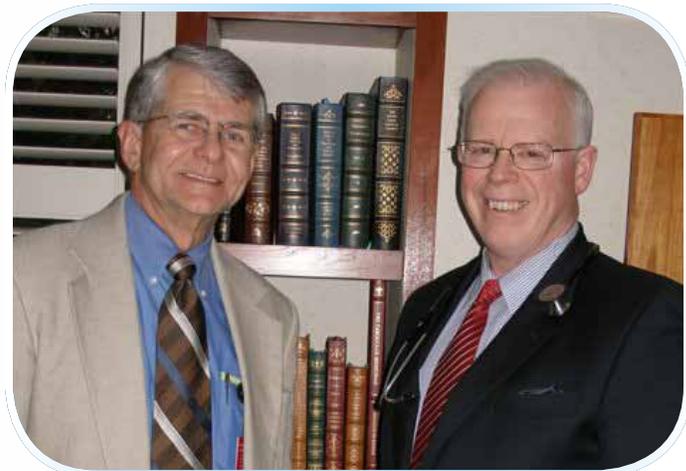
Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence, Massachusetts, established a new Lambda Beta Chapter in April, 2008. Six charter members from the Class of 2008 were inducted, along with Alumni Members from the Classes of 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004, and two Honorary Members.

Richard Battles, RRT-NPS, CPFT and Daniel E. Coleman, MD, were recognized as Charter Honorary Members in the Northern Essex Community College Chapter of the Lambda Beta Honor Society for their sustained and multifaceted contributions to the respiratory care program at NECC. A member of the first class to graduate from the associate's degree program at the college, Richard is someone on whom we can always depend when we need support for the program – whether that support comes in the form of borrowing “just one” of a specific piece of equipment to illustrate a concept in lab, or adding “just one” more student to a clinical group or finding an alternate schedule for that “just one” student who needs special consideration. Richard is an active member of the NECC Respiratory Care Program Advisory Committee.

Richard has dedicated his professional life to the patients at Lawrence General Hospital, where he has practiced the art and science of respiratory care for more than 36 years. Today he serves as the Director of Respiratory Therapy and EEG Services at Lawrence General. His leadership and the standards for practice that are set in the Respiratory Care Department at Lawrence General Hospital rival those in our major academic medical centers. In addition, he is the owner and operator of Pulmonary Technology Services, which is a consultant service that organizes and operates pulmonary laboratories.

In addition to his associate's degree in Respiratory Therapy from Northern Essex, Richard holds a certificate in Respiratory Therapy from Northeastern University and Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. Coleman is a critical care physician and vice president for medical affairs at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, MA, as well as a pulmonary and critical care physician at Lawrence General Hospital. Dr. Coleman received his undergraduate



*Charter Honorary Members (L-R), Richard Battles and Daniel Coleman, MD.*

education at Boston University; his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine, and completed military training at the Air War College in 1999. In addition, Dr. Coleman holds the rank of Colonel and Senior Flight Surgeon with the Massachusetts Air National Guard where he is recognized as an expert in the medical aspects of biological warfare and bioterrorism.

Dr. Coleman is the medical director for the Respiratory Care program at Northern Essex Community College. He makes multifaceted contributions to the education of our respiratory care students, and the students will tell you that they long remember Dr. Coleman's famous (or is that Infamous?) words during his medical lectures “Mike and Chris, this better be a question!”

Following the induction of the charter members, the honorees and their guests were honored at a reception which was attended by the faculty and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The 2009 Lambda Beta induction ceremony will be held on April 13, at which time honorees from the Class of 2009 will be inducted, along with an Honorary Member; Faculty Members; and Alumni Members from the Classes of 2007 – 2000.

# New Member Dinner 2009

## The Victor Valley College Chapter Victorville, California

There was a small ceremony which the VVC chapter history was revealed. The benefits of the Lambda Beta Honor Society were presented. Everyone stepped up to receive their pin and were congratulated, "You are now a member of the Victor Valley Chapter of the Lambda Beta Honor Society for Respiratory Care." A few students arrived with their spouses. Surprisingly, Applebee's was busy that night so there was an audience of well-wishers. The dinner was enjoyable and we stayed 3 hours. Specifically, this was a members only dinner. At the end of the year, our program has a pinning ceremony and awards dinner. We plan to honor this group again with the entire graduating class of 2009.



*Russ McCord-Director of Clinical Education and Lambda Beta Chapter Chair*



*Brendan Gongol-Educator;  
Traci Marin-Program Director and Lambda Beta Administrative Officer*



*New Members of the VVC Chapter of the Lambda Beta Honor Society  
Front Row: Traci Marin, Lizette Patterson, Khusboo Patel,  
Crystal Danielle Arnold; Second Row: Rafael Morales,  
Olana Butler; Not Pictured: Janice Lee-Fonda*

## Thank You! for Supporting The Lambda Beta Society

Thank you to all of our sponsors for their donation to the scholarship funds:

*Applied Measurement Professionals  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill  
Vijay Deshpande and Susan Pilbeam*

*A big thank you to Susan and Paul Blonshine for their generous donation to the Lambda Beta Society. It is people like the Blonshines that make it possible for the Lambda Beta Society to function.*

*Thank you for all the generous donations to the Gerald Dolan Memorial Scholarship fund. The first scholarship in Mr. Dolan's name will be awarded at the Lambda Beta reception in San Antonio TX held in conjunction with the 55th Annual AARC International Respiratory Congress to be held in December.*



## Scholarships Available in 2009

The Lambda Beta Society is pleased to announce that the following awards will be offered in 2009. Information will be sent to all programs with active Lambda Beta Chapters as well as being posted to our website at [www.nbrc.org/lambda](http://www.nbrc.org/lambda). All the scholarships described below will be presented on Saturday, December 5, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas in conjunction with the 55th AARC International Congress at the annual Lambda Beta Reception.

### 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 respira-

*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](http://www.nbrc.org/LambdaBetaSociety) for information regarding these opportunities.*

tory 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 in 2009 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, 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.

## Hints from the Scholarship Committee

*Trudy Watson, RRT, AE-C, FAARC, Lambda Beta Board Member*

I've had the privilege of serving on the Scholarship Committee for the Lambda Beta Society for the past several years. After our committee members noticed patterns of errors among the applications, we met in December 2008 to determine how to assist future applicants enhance their chances for winning our awards and scholarships.

On behalf of the committee, I'm offering the following recommendations to individuals considering applying for the 2009 Lambda Beta awards:

1. Review and comply with the requirements for the scholarships and/or media award.
  - Use the stated font and format for your literature review or presentation summary.
  - Keep your media entry within the stated number of slides or your paper within the stated length. Use the Notes Page to offer detailed explanation of your slide content.

- Cite your references according to one of the approved formats.
2. Comply with application deadline.
    - Submit your entry and the required application materials prior to the October 1, 2009 deadline.
  3. Use the expert resources at your college or university.
    - Utilize the library resources for assistance on conducting literature reviews.

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# Lambda Beta Congratulates Our Scholarship Winners

## Michele M. Jones

*\$1000 Deshpande-Pilbeam Media Scholarship  
\$1000 Scholarship Sponsored by AMP*

Winning the scholarship meant one less stress in an already stressful situation. Going to school full-time, working part-time and raising three children brings with it challenges and guilt for a single mother that I was not prepared for. While I am nearing the end of my goal of becoming a respiratory care practitioner, the savings that I have been living off of for the past year and a half have been depleted. The scholarship money that I received from Lambda Beta meant one less semester to have to pay for which made Christmas a much happier and joyous time, especially since the checks arrived on Christmas Eve! Thank you Lambda Beta for relieving a financial burden in this time of economic struggle.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Jones  
Midlands Technical College  
Columbia, South Carolina



## Ryan P. Sura

*\$1000 Scholarship Sponsored  
by Lambda Beta Society*

Winning a Lambda Beta scholarship was definitely one of the greatest academic achievements of my college career. It was truly an honor to attend the AARC International Congress and represent my school in this way. The scholarship itself was very generous and will go towards my student loans that I will soon need to begin paying off.

The benefits of the scholarship do not end with the scholarship amount, however. I have found as graduation nears and I apply for jobs that it is a very valuable addition to my resume. It is also an excellent item for conversation during job interviews.

I have seen many framed Lambda Beta Certificates of Excellence in the offices of our faculty, respiratory care supervisors, research coordinators, and physicians. I am proud to say that I now have one of these certificates and "if" I ever have an office it will be hanging on the wall.

Lastly, the process of writing a quality literature review paper was an excellent experience. There were times when I was absolutely sick of it and never wanted to look at another journal article, but in the end it was a very rewarding experience. I hope to continue and attempt to contribute to the respiratory care medical literature as my career progresses. Thank you Lambda Beta for this excellent award.

Ryan P. Sura  
Mayo Clinic/College of Medicine  
Rochester, Minnesota



## Sandra Tarbell Hinski

*\$1000 Scholarship Sponsored  
by Tom and Kim Hill*

Sandra Tarbell Hinski  
Georgia State University  
Atlanta, Georgia



## 2008 National Honorary Member Recipient

Congratulations to our 2008 National Honorary Member recipient: William F. Galvin, MSED, RRT, CPFT, AE-C, FAARC. Mr. Galvin was selected by the Executive Board to be the 2008 National Honorary Member. President Jackie Long-Goding presented Bill with a plaque at the 2008 AARC International Respiratory Congress in Anaheim, CA on December 13.

Mr. Galvin has supported the respiratory care profession for 35 years and has been involved in a number of the professional organizations in some capacity since 1974 when he became an active member of the AARC. Currently Mr. Galvin is the Program Director of the Respiratory Care Program at Gwynedd Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, PA. Mr. Galvin has been involved within the profession on various levels and has served as a member of several local college advisory boards, board of directors and health related organizations.

Mr. Galvin is well known and respected for his excellent teaching ability and professional speaking engagements. One of Mr. Galvin's strongest assets is his success as a leader in the field of Respiratory Care Education as demonstrated by his 2005 award for "Specialty Practitioner of the Year" in the AARC Education Section. Mr. Galvin has also been a Co-Coordinator of the "TIPS" Program at his local college, within his state and national organizations where he provides information to new and upcoming educators about effective teaching and presentation skills. He is a member of the AARC Program Committee and a member of the Education Academy, served as an item writer for the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) Entry Level and Advanced Level Written Registry Examination, reviewer of numerous peer reviewed publications, and a speaker at many health and respiratory related organizational meetings. In addition he has also been recognized as a Fellow by the American Association for Respiratory Care.

Mr. Galvin's professional career has been extraordinary and he has made significant contributions to the progress, development and education of the profession of respiratory care.

Please join us in congratulating William F. Galvin on this very prestigious award!



*William F. Galvin, MSED, RRT, CPFT, AE-C, FAARC*

*Mr. Galvin joins the following group of individuals who have been honored as a Lambda Beta National Honorary member:*

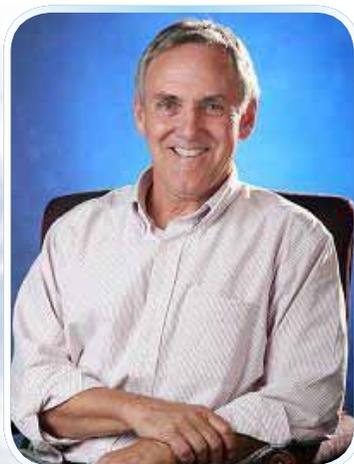
- H. Frederic Helmholtz, Jr., MD – 1987
- James F. Whitacre, RRT – 1988
- Hugh S. Mathewson, MD – 1989
- Donald F. Egan, MD – 1990
- Steven K. Bryant, MBA – 1991
- Joyce E. Wanta, RRT – 1992
- David J. Pierson, MD – 1993
- Robert M. Kacmarek, PhD, RRT – 1994
- Philip A. von der Heydt, MEd, RRT – 1995
- George G. Burton, MD – 1996
- Dean Hess, PhD, RRT – 1997
- Gary A. Smith – 1998
- Neil MacIntyre, MD, FAARC – 1999
- Joseph L. Rau Jr., PhD, RRT, FAARC – 2000
- Thomas A. Barnes, EdD, RRT, FAARC – 2001
- David A. Shelledy, PhD, RRT – 2002
- Vijay M. Deshpande, MS, RRT, FAARC – 2003
- Robert L. Wilkins, PhD, RRT, FAARC – 2004
- Theron Van Hooser, MEd, RRT – 2005
- Charles B. Spearman MSED, RRT, RCP, FAARC – 2006
- Lynda Thomas Goodfellow, EdD, RRT, AC-E, FAARC – 2007

### *In Memory*

*Lambda Beta would like to extend our condolences on the untimely passing of Bruce Ott, EdD, RRT this past Fall.*

*Dr. Ott was the Program Director of Athens Technical College's Respiratory Care Program in Athens, GA for 23 years and a faithful supporter of the Lambda Beta Society.*

*Dr. Ott was a consummate professional and a role model for us all. His teaching, encouragement and mentoring will certainly be missed.*



*Dr. Bruce Ott, EdD, RRT  
December 5, 1946 – October 3, 2008*

Hints from the Scholarship Committee

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- Consult the writing center for guidance in writing literature reviews.
  - Utilize the technology center for assistance with creating a PowerPoint® presentation.
  - Request feedback on your literature review or media presentation from your program faculty or community experts.
4. Maintain anonymity within the body of your paper or presentation.
    - Use the unique identifier (last four digits of your social security number) on the body of your literature review and/or your cover slide. Do not include photos, logos, or any identifiers within the body of your paper or presentation that would identify your college or university. (After the Executive Office verifies compliance with deadlines and receipt of required application materials, the committee receives just the papers and presentations which are only labeled with unique identifiers. The committee remains unaware of the identity of the applicants and only is informed of the names of the scholarship and media award recipients when the winners are notified.)



# 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:

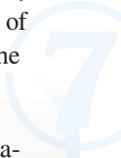
- Navy Blue Short Sleeve Polo Shirt ..... \$22.50  
*(Limited Supply Available)*
- Lambda Beta Lapel Pin ..... \$15.00

Watch our website as new items are coming: Cords or Sashes and Expandable Media Screen with the Lambda Beta logo and your chapter name for your chapter functions.



5. Review the “Tips for Success...” PowerPoint® presentations on this website ([www.nbrc.com/lambda](http://www.nbrc.com/lambda)).
  - If you’re applying for the Deshpande-Pilbeam Media Award, open the “Tips for... Media Award” presentation in the *Notes Page* view. You’ll be able to see the slide and the enhanced explanation: the same format we ask that you use for your entry.
  - If you’re applying for the scholarships for literature reviews, view the “Tips for... Lambda Beta Scholarships.”

The committee looks forward to reviewing your 2009 scholarship and media award entries!





## Executive Board:

The following is a list of the members of the Executive Board. This is a group of dedicated people who have donated their time to support the Lambda Beta. If you would like to be a board member, please contact President Kim Hill or the Executive Secretary Glenda Hocker.

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