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AUB's nursing society to be chartered as first regional chapter of the International Honor Society of Nursing

Beirut, Lebanon- 09/08/2014 - The Nursing Honor Society at the Hariri School of Nursing (HSON) at the American University of Beirut will be chartered as an official chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), which works on advancing health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

HSON's honor society, now the Chi Iota chapter of STTI, is the first in the region to attain this prestigious charter. The achievement is part of HSON's continuing efforts to cultivate students with the highest potential to establish new standards for science and leadership in nursing.

Dr. Hester Klopper, STTI President and Dr. Huda Abu-Saad Huijer, chapter president of the Chi Iota board, will conduct the chartering ceremony on Saturday at the Hisham Jaroudi Auditorium. AUB nurse leaders and students will be inducted as charter members in this group. A research conference titled "Advancing the Nursing Research Agenda in Lebanon" is also planned as part of this weekend's celebration of the charter award.

"The worldwide medical community is facing multiple challenges in the face of global health care reforms and growing demand for care," said Dr. Abu-Saad Huijer. "The Hariri School of Nursing at AUB is actively readying the next generation of nurses to address these challenges and to innovate standards for nursing in the Arab world and beyond."

"In approving our charter, STTI is also recognizing the significant contributions nurses from our region are making to advance the profession and the worldwide medical community," added Abu-Saad Huijer. "The prestige of an internationally-recognized honor society will help us attract and retain the region's brightest and best students."

Membership in STTI is by invitation and is extended to undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and professional nurses who have demonstrated superior scholastic, leadership and nursing achievements. STTI is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of people worldwide through leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research. Founded in 1922, members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others.

The honor society's more than 480 chapters are located at institutions of higher education throughout the United States, as well as in Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania and Wales.

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About AUB

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

About The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)

Founded in 1922, STTI is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. STTI has more than 125,000 members in 90 countries. Members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others. STTI's 480 chapters are located at institutions of higher education throughout Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, The Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, the United States and Wales. More information about STTI can be found online at www.nursingsociety.org.

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