

Colby-Sawyer Inducts 22 Nursing Honors Students

Press release

Colby-Sawyer's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Psi Sigma, inducted 22 nursing students earlier this month. The students represent the undergraduate, MSN and RNBS degree programs.

Colby-Sawyer's Nursing Program was established in 1981 in partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), as its clinical education facility. It is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the N.H. Board of Nursing. Last year, Colby-Sawyer and DHMC completed the lengthy application process to make Psi Sigma, the 544th chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, possible.

"The development of Psi Sigma is just one example of the many exciting opportunities afforded to our nursing students through our continued collaboration with DHMC," said Dr. Joan Loftus, chair of the undergraduate nurs-

ing program at Colby-Sawyer's School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Sigma Theta Tau's mission is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Members must have a GPA of 3.0, rank in the top 35 percent of their graduating class, meet the expectation of academic integrity and obtain faculty endorsements.

View the inductees at colby-sawyer.meritpages.com.

Nursing at Colby-Sawyer College

A Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing from Colby-Sawyer combines clinical work at the world-class Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center with hands-on learning in campus classrooms and laboratories, as well as individual and group research. Students develop close relationships with expert faculty in small classes. Colby-Sawyer nursing students are encouraged to be leaders not just in the classroom but across campus. Learn more at colby-sawyer.edu/nursing.



Colby-Sawyer Appoints Deans of School of Nursing and Health

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Colby-Sawyer College has named Joan Loftus, associate professor of Nursing, as dean of its School of Nursing and Health Professions, and Shari Goldberg, professor of Nursing and Public Health, as associate dean. Both professors assume their roles July 1.

Dr. Loftus will oversee the undergraduate and master's nursing programs; provide support and development for the school's faculty; and sit on Dartmouth-Hitchcock's medical education committee. She succeeds Susan Reeves '88, who in February was appointed as Executive Vice President for D-H Research and Education.

Dr. Loftus joined the faculty at Colby-Sawyer in 2008 and has more than a dozen years' experience at D-H with expertise in critical care nursing, geriatrics and evidence-based nursing practice. She holds a B.S. in nursing from Wilkes College, an M.S. in nursing from Georgetown University and a D.N.P. from Wilkes University.

"Dr. Loftus assumed operational leadership and oversight of the undergraduate nursing programs last year, Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Laura Sykes and I are delighted that she will become the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions," President Susan D. Stuebner said. "Colby-Sawyer is fortunate to have the leadership and talents of both Dr. Loftus and Dr. Goldberg. And, I am exceedingly grateful to Dr. Reeves for her transformative leadership and for her continuing efforts to deepen the partnership between Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Colby-Sawyer."

In 2016, Dr. Loftus accepted a commendation from then-New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan that recognized the members of Colby-Sawyer's 2016 undergraduate nursing class, which achieved a 100 percent pass rate of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on their first attempt. The members of the Classes of 2017 and 2018 achieved the same distinction of a 100 percent pass

rate on their first attempts, as well.

"I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to continue the great work that Sue Reeves has done here at Colby-Sawyer," Dr. Loftus said. "It has been an absolute pleasure working with her over the past ten years, and I look forward to the work we will continue to do together to further strengthen our partnership with D-H."

As associate dean, Dr. Goldberg will continue her leadership of the Public Health Program and assume leadership of the RN to BS program. She has taught at Colby-Sawyer since 2000 and played a central role in developing the public health, RN to BS and MS in Nursing programs. Her areas of expertise include community and public health, the development and sustainability of academic-community partnerships, and health promotion behaviors. Dr. Goldberg has served on the State of N.H. Public Health Improvement Services Council, and participated in a national effort aimed at integrating public health into undergraduate liberal arts education. She holds a B.S. in nursing from the University of New Hampshire, a M.S. in nursing from Boston College and a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

About Nursing at Colby-Sawyer College

The Colby-Sawyer College Nursing Program was established in 1981 in partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, its clinical education facility. It is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the N.H. Board of Nursing. The undergraduate nursing major combines clinical work at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center with hands-on learning in campus classrooms and simulation laboratories, as well as individual and group research.

Colby-Sawyer's online RN to BS program provides a flexible and affordable way for practicing nurses with associate degrees to earn their undergraduate degree.

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