To: All School of Nursing Students

From: Gary Moore, Ph.D., RN
      Interim Dean and Associate Professor
      School of Nursing

Re: Dean's Circle Membership

I am sending this letter as an invitation to apply for membership in the School of Nursing Dean’s Circle beginning Summer 2015. The Dean’s Circle is a select group of nursing students who serve as School of Nursing ambassadors. Members are active Basic BSN, Accelerated Second Degree BSN, RN/BSN degree completion and MSN students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and other qualities that qualify them to effectively represent the School.

Participation in the Dean’s Circle provides opportunities to develop teamwork and leadership skills by attending prospective student recruitment events, assisting with student service events, engaging in community service projects, participating in the Nightingale awards banquet, interacting with the Dean and other administrators, and representing the School of Nursing at various university functions such as “Go for the Gold” and “Grizzly Day”. It is an opportunity to expand your role as a student and gain a unique perspective that will broaden your overall educational experience.

Students who are in good academic and disciplinary standing in the School of Nursing and at Oakland University are eligible to apply for Dean’s Circle membership if they will have completed the following by the end of the Winter 2015 semester and are currently active in the nursing program.

   Basic BSN: at least twelve credits in required nursing coursework
   Accelerated Second Degree: at least eight credits in required nursing coursework
   RN/BSN and MSN: at least one required nursing course of at least two credits

The criterion for selection includes commitment to the nursing profession, ability to communicate, initiative, scholarly interests and professional integrity as demonstrated on the application form.

Those selected agree to attend six monthly member meetings held on Mondays from 4-6pm in Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 and agree to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours if in the Accelerated Second Degree BSN program and all others a minimum of 30 hours before graduation. Recognition of the new members of the Dean’s Circle will occur at the first meeting in September 2015.
Those Dean’s Circle members who reach 50 hours (30 hours if the member is in the Accelerated Second Degree program) of volunteer work will be presented with a stole to wear at Oakland University Commencement.

The Dean’s Circle members wear the Geese-in-Flight Pin as recognition of their special status in the School. Some of the lessons we can learn from the geese are presented on an enclosed document.

I hope you will apply for this opportunity. Please complete the attached application from and return it to the Office of Academic Advising, School of Nursing, 3027 Human Health Building – by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

All candidates will be notified by July 2015 via OU e-mail.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and in good academic standing in the School of Nursing.
2. By the end of Winter 2015: BSN applicants must have completed at least twelve credits in required nursing coursework; Accelerated Second Degree BSN applicants must complete at least 8 credits in required nursing coursework (NRS 221, 227 and 308); RN/BSN and MSN applicants must have completed at least one required nursing course of at least two credits
3. In good academic and disciplinary standing in the School of Nursing and at Oakland University.
4. Submit application no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

**SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

SCHOOL OF NURSING
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
ATTN: DEAN’S CIRCLE
3027 HUMAN HEALTH BUILDING
ROCHESTER, MI 48309-4401
THE MEANING OF THE GEESE IN FLIGHT PIN

- As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for others behind it. There is 71% more flying range in V-formation than in flying alone.
  - **Lesson:** People who share a common direction and sense of purpose can get there more quickly

- Whenever a goose flies out of formation, it feels drag and tries to get back into position.
  - **Lesson:** It’s harder to do something alone than together.

- When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head.
  - **Lesson:** Shared leadership and interdependence gives us each a chance to lead as well as an opportunity to rest.

- The geese flying in the rear of the formation honks to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.
  - **Lesson:** Encouragement is motivating. We need to make sure our “honking” is encouraging and not discouraging.

- When a goose gets sick or wounded and falls, two geese fall out and stay with it until it revives or dies. Then they catch up or join another flock.
  - **We may all need help from time to time. We should stand by our colleagues in difficult times.**

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