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Hello

As June kicks off it is time to wrap up our ETA TAU year and begin planning for next year. For the second year in a row I was a presenter on stage for the nursing recognition ceremony for Salem States College nursing graduating class. I am always so proud of the new nurses Salem State puts out. This year I recognized many of the names from the ETA TAU induction ceremony. It is wonderful to be part of the budding future of nursing. If you haven't attended one since your own pinning I highly recommend you attend. It is such a renewing experience to be a part of all the wonders, energy and pride of emerging nursing.

Next week we come together for our final ETA TAU planning meeting. ETA TAU follows a standardized format set out by international. It has a two-fold goal. The first goal is planning next year's events. In the fall ETA TAU hosts an educational program and for the spring program we focus on a cultural program. The second goal of this meeting is to make changes to chapter leadership and formalize those changes.

To that end, this past year's events were wonderful. For the first time we had a student "Mindy" tell us about her trip to Africa and all she learned about the health care system and the people she encountered. It was great to hear from one of our own. The second goal, chapter leadership changes, brings much sadness this year. Dr. Clara Boyle is moving to Virginia over the summer. This was her final year teaching at Salem State College and her final year as ETA TAU's treasurer. Loosing Clara is one of those bitter sweet moments we all experience. We are happy for her life's progress and changes but heartbroken to see her go. Clara has been a part of us for many years. Good Luck Clara.

Changes never cease. We are forever growing and having new experiences. So I close with an invitation for you to make your own change and get involved with chapter activities. We'd love to see you because each of you has something good to offer, reach out... we're here.

I Believe in You.

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