WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Student Nursing Organization is giving a warm welcome to new members - both Juniors and Seniors - and an exciting welcome back to returning members! Over the past few weeks, SNO has experienced some pretty big changes and we are excited to fill our members in! In May, we waved goodbye to our Class of 2014 officers and gave a warm welcome to the new officers of the Class of 2015. I introduce you to the new officers:

(listed in order from left to right)

**Historian/Public Relations: Katie Pritchett**
**Treasurer: Jenny Ermis**
**Vice President: Amanda Bizzell**
**Social Events Coordinator: Sarah Zipper**
**Secretary: Rachel Melton**
**President: Ashley Carranza**

With a new panel comes a new state of mind. The officers of the 2015 class have bright plans for the upcoming year and we plan to hit the ground running. What we like to call “SNO 2.0” will provide fun, engaging events for our members all year long. Our goal is to not only make you guys feel like you’re an integral part of the community, but that you’re fitting into your future career as a Registered Nurse! Working together, the officers have organized fun new events, From serving dinner to the Texas Baptist Children’s home, to resume workshops, to running in community 5ks, SNO offers a variety of fun, interactive opportunities for its members. Due to all the changes since May, we have decided that meetings are the 2nd Wednesday every month. Each meeting will host a guest speaker from different fields of nursing: Flight nurse, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Room, Hospice, and more! We will even have the flight nurse land the helicopter at the school! If you are a junior reading this newsletter, I strongly encourage you to join the SNO fun! Not only will you really benefit from your membership in SNO, it looks great on a resume for future employers. If you’re interested in becoming an SNO member, membership dues for incoming Juniors is $50. Any current J3 students who are not already SNO members will receive the prorated price of $25. Each new member will also receive a free SNO shirt! If you have any questions email our treasurer, Jenny Ermis. jfe1@txstate.edu

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TEXAS BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME  
Reaching out to Round Rock

This month’s community outreach took place at Texas Baptist Children’s Home (TBCH) here in Round Rock, TX. A brief history about TBCH: Ran by Children at Heart Ministries, TBCH offers a Campus Life Program that provides long-term residential care for children and youth ages 6 to 18 in a cottage-style setting. Children in care live with married house parent couples who become "Mom" and "Pop" to the youngsters in the cottage. Children attend Round Rock ISD and participate in vchoir and school-sponsored organizations.

10 SNO members participated in the fun by providing a home cooked meal of salad, lasagna, and desert to serve to the children of these cottages. After dropping off the food, members received a tour of the cottages by the house parents, called “mom and pop” by the kids. The kids were very excited to hangout with some future nurses and to eat a delicious homemade meal! SNO member Sarah Zipper states, “I loved being able to feel like I was being able to actually reach out into the community to make an impact not only on these kids, but also to the house parents that work so hard to make the best for these kids.”

While participation was limited this month, SNO will be offering another opportunity to work with TBCH soon. We want all of our members to be able to experience this wonderful outreach opportunity. We have our fingers crossed that next time we will be able to hangout with the kids while playing some basketball, swimming, or cooking a meal in their home! If you have any questions about this experience, please contact Sarah Zipper, SNO events coordinator. Smz3@txstate.edu

BLACKLIGHT RUN – 5K  
Building an SNO family

This July 15+ SNO members participated in a fun social 5k run called the Blacklight Run held in Austin. This unique 5k lit up the Travis County Expo Center with neon glow powder and black lights during the evening race. The group of nursing students, named “Florence Lightinggale”, came together for a social event to build comradery as well as promote a healthy lifestyle. To add a little extra spice to the race, the team members made tutus to wear during the race! Both girls and guys proudly displayed their tutus both during the race and the after-party following the race. SNO member Cassandra Turner stated, “It was really nice to be able to bond with everyone outside of school. Plus, it was a great way to stay motivated to be healthy. Not going to lie though, running in a tutu is pretty itchy.” SNO will be attending several quirky, fun 5ks for the next calendar year. Stay tuned to see the dates and times of these races. We’d love to see you out next time, tutu or not!
NOTE: Due to how packed the July month will be for the 2015 class, SNO will be keeping the event calendar very empty. There will be no Texas Baptist Children’s Home volunteering this month. We all know how challenging J3 can be, so focus on your studies! We’re looking forward to more events in the Fall 2014 semester.

EVENT DETAILS:

- July 9 SNO meeting – Just a quick meeting to talk about New Student Orientation
- July 21 Join an SNO group study group before the test. We’ve got pizza and drinks!
- Relay for Life - sep 20th (fall)
- No Texas Baptist Children’s Home volunteering this month (July)

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR:

Thank you for reading the first edition of SNO’s monthly newsletter. As the writer of this column, I want to make this newsletter as helpful and informative as possible. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or questions! Additionally, I will be featuring a different SNO member in each column to talk about their experience with different events every month. If you would like to share a short quote/story with any SNO event, please feel free to email me! Knp18@txstate.edu. Eat em’ up cats!