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Dear Kappa Tau Colleagues:

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*“For it may safely be said, not that the habit of ready and correct observation will by itself make us useful nurses, but that without it we shall be useless with all our devotion...but if you cannot get the habit of observation one way or other, you had better give up the being a nurse, for it is not your calling however kind and anxious you may be.” \**

Each year at this time, as Kappa Tau members, we have the opportunity to make use of our observations about the excellent work of fellow Sigma Theta Tau members. Work that deserves attention exists in every practice environment. Now is the time to turn your observations into action. As an individual or a team, you can nominate your colleague(s) whose work deserves recognition. Excellence awards for teaching, practice, administration and the Folta Deck award for research highlight the annual dinner **May 3, 2009**.

Attached are the nomination award criteria and forms. Please use these forms to nominate a mentor or colleague for one of these awards and file your nominations electronically by sending to Pat Donehower at [www.donehower@vnacares.org](mailto:www.donehower@vnacares.org) or by mailing to Pat Donehower at the address on the nomination form. Call Pat at 860-4433 if you have questions. **Deadline for nominations is Monday, April 13, 2009.**

Please invite your nominee to attend the annual dinner with you so that she or he will have it on their calendars. Thanks and see you May 13th.

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\* Nightingale, Notes on Nursing, p.63