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CSUSB nursing faculty and students represent CSUSB's Rho Beta chapter at the 26th Annual Sigma SoCal Odyssey Research Conference on Oct. 13-14.

CSUSB nursing faculty and students earn top honors at research conference

PALM DESERT, Calif. – More than 20 nursing faculty and students from the CSUSB Rho Beta chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing garnered top awards at the 26th Annual Sigma SoCal Odyssey Research Conference in San Diego, Calif. on Oct. 13-14.

CSUSB had a large group of nursing faculty and students from both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses attend the conference and present posters on a variety of topics.

Among 16 active public and private university chapters, awards were received by CSUSB faculty and students in the following areas:

- First place in the Nursing Poster Research Abstracts category – CSUSB faculty member Danuta “Dee” Wojnar – Title of poster presentation: “The opioid overuse prevention in hospitalized patients”
- Second place in the Nursing Poster Research Abstracts category – CSUSB pre-licensure BSN nursing students Jessica Rodriguez and Carrie Padojino, and faculty member Younglee Kim – Title of poster presentation: “Nursing students’ experience with homeless through foot soaks”
- Third place in the Innovative Nursing Posters category – CSUSB MSN student Alura Williams – Title of poster presentation: “Health education programming for transitionally housed men”

The purpose of the annual conference is to promote communication about nursing research, education, practice and leadership, and enhance research collaboration throughout nursing’s scholarly community.

Many students were able to attend the conference because their registration fees were paid for by a Song Brown grant received by nursing faculty member, Evangeline Fangonil-Gagalang, and travel expenses for students who were presenting on any CSUSB Nursing Street Medicine topic were reimbursed by a special travel grant from Mary Caldwell and Steve Weiss, donors and supporters of the CSUSB Nursing Street Medicine program.

For more information about the CSUSB nursing program, visit the [Nursing Department](#) website.

About PDC: The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, teaching credentials and certificates. Serving more than 2,200 students, it is the Coachella Valley’s four-year public university and plays a vital role in educating and training the region’s growing population.

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