Pi Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inc. celebrated its 10th anniversary on April 26, 2010 during the annual Excellence in Nursing Program. Linda Luther, assistant professor and president of the chapter opened the program with a welcome and introduction of guests. Ruby Black, professor of nursing, gave the history of the nursing honor society and activities to meet membership requirements for a chapter of the international organization, Sigma Theta Tau.

As part of its purpose, to enhance leadership, the following students were recognized for their commitment to nursing through leadership: Chris Zumbach, Mikka Felty, Jamie Burgess, Holly Lott, Ariella Austin, Derrick Tyler Williams, Kellie Stephenson, Megan Petty, Hannah Turner, Tim Bond, Dawn Miller, Sarah Barnett, Matt Milby, Dawn Lattus, Ashley Henry, Julianne Lawson, and Rachel McCoy. Linda Luther and Ruby Black were recognized for your service to the organization.

Senior nursing students presented their research proposals during break-out sessions of the program. They were recognized for their commitment to scholarship. After the presentations and recognitions the group celebrated the occasion with a luncheon sponsored by the UTM ROTC Department. A cake designed by Alissa Parrish, owner of Sweet Creations by Alissa and assistant professor of nursing, was enjoyed by all.

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of people worldwide through leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research. Founded in 1922, the honor society has inducted more than 400,000 members in more than 90 countries. Members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others. The honor society’s 463 chapters are located at 543 institutions of higher education throughout Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, the United States, and Wales.