

Patricia Liberatore Schwartz

Brief Bio

Pat has been a resident of the Woodlands since August 2007. Pat is currently an adjunct professor at Lone Star College-Montgomery in the Nursing Division. Pat has been a registered nurse for many years and holds a Bachelor's and Doctorate (PhD) in Nursing. Pat is also a certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) with a special interest in developmental pediatrics.

Pat has been very active in nursing organizations, community organizations, and school organizations. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, National Honor Society for Nurses; TNA/ANA, Texas/American Nurse Association; TNP, Texas Nurse Practitioners; and NAPNAP, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. Until recently, she was Item Writer for the national certification exam for PNP's. Pat has held positions at the local level for TNA District 9 and was selected as one of the Houston Nurse of the Year award in the past. She also was selected as "Top 100 Graduates" of the Texas Woman's University Nursing Program. Pat worked at Texas Children's Hospital for 15 years and left TCH as Director of Nursing Research when she and her family moved to New Jersey. She was adjunct professor at both University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston and Baylor College of Medicine, then at Rutgers the State University of New Jersey after her move. She left her faculty position at Rutgers to develop the nurse practitioner position at Hunterdon Medical Center, New Jersey, for their Developmental Pediatrics Department. Pat has numerous publications/presentations and was an editor of "Wong's Essentials of Pediatric Nursing, 6 Ed" and a contributor to "Whaley and Wong's Nursing Care of the Child". Pat was honored with the "Adjunct Excellence in Teaching" award for 2014-2015 at Lone Star College-Montgomery.

Pat also has been active in her children's schools. She was elected to 2 terms to the Clinton Township Board of Education in Clinton Township, New Jersey. She was also a board member of the Clinton Township Council for Excellence in Education and served as secretary for that group until elected to the school board. In the Woodlands, she was president of the John Cooper School's Fine Arts Council where she and her co-president were responsible for developing the first set of Council by-laws for this group. Pat was also chairperson of the "Signatures Author Series" in 2011, an event for the community featuring a nationally known author.

Besides the Board of The Texas Autism Academy, Pat is a on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels of Montgomery County.

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