



The Nursing Department launched a new endeavor in the fall – our first Pre-Nursing Living-Learning Community (LLC). The LLC concept is something that SU embraced several years ago to fully immerse students in the college experience. Students in the Pre-Nursing LLC live together in the newly renovated Wicomico Hall, share three common courses during their freshman year, and participate in both fun and service learning activities as a group. The hope is that these students will bond with one another, be successful in their academic courses, and develop a strong social and support network – a network that will follow them after the LLC experience is behind them and they move on to their sophomore year of study.

It appears that this goal was a success, as the majority of these first LLC students opted to remain roommates for the next year. The true test of the LLC's success will come when the students apply to the nursing program for fall 2013 and we see how many of them are accepted into our

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PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Mary DiBartolo presented a poster at the 24th Annual International Alzheimer's Conference held July 14-19 in Vancouver, BC. It was titled *Using the Club Concept to Target Behavioral Issues in a Residential Setting for the Cognitively Impaired.*

Drs. Debra Webster & Dorothea McDowell presented on the topic of *Emphasizing Evidence: Preparing New Nursing Graduates to Shape the Future of Nursing Practice* at the Maryland Nurses Association 108th Convention, October 13, 2011, in Annapolis, MD.

Drs. Dorothea McDowell & Debra Webster presented on the topic of *Integrating Quality Improvement and Evidence-Based Practice*

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