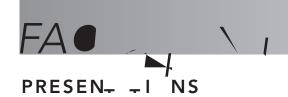The Nursing Department launched a new
endeavor in the fall – our first Pre-Nursing
Living-Learning Community (LLC). The
LLC concept is something that SU
embraced several years ago to fully
immerse students in the college experience.
Students in the Pre-Nursing LLC live
together in the newly renovated 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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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...*