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A Commitment to Excellence in Nursing Education

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Debra L. Spunt (DNP, RN, FAAN) was a professor and director of the clinical simulation laboratories at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, where she passed away on March 9, 2007. Born in St. Louis, MO in 1956, Debbie was a resident of Maryland for more than 30 years, graduating from Randallstown High School in 1975. She earned a bachelor of science in nursing (1979), a master’s of science (1983), and a doctor of nursing practice (2007), all from the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

Debbie was nationally and internationally recognized for her knowledge, expertise, and leadership in clinical simulation, especially the use of computerized human patient simulators via clinical case scenarios to educate nurses and other health-care providers. She was responsible for the design, administration, and management of the School of Nursing’s 28 clinical simulation laboratories, considered the preeminent nursing student learning labs in the world. In this role, she collaborated with faculty on the integration of simulation into the nursing curriculum, and in doing so, helped prepare thousands of nurses worldwide.

Debbie was a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, and a member of the American Nurses Association, the Maryland Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the Maryland League for Nursing, and the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She co-founded the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning and served as its first president.

As a thoughtful participant in the planning for her legacy, Debbie created the Debra L. Spunt Clinical Simulation Practice and Research Endowment at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. This endowment supports the use of clinical simulation laboratory equipment. We ask you to join us in celebrating Debbie’s life and honoring her legacy by contributing to the Spunt Clinical Simulation Practice and Research Endowment.

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In appreciation for her leadership in the design, development, and implementation of simulation in nursing education, the NLN Foundation for Nursing Education and Laerdal Medical Corporation established the Debra L. Spunt Lecture.

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Simulation Competencies: A Door to Leadership

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Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Mancini

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A true inspiration

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