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“Deb has contributed greatly, not only to the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and the area of simulation, but to excellence in nursing education in general.”

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# DEBRA L. SPUNT

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Debra L. Spunt, DNP, RN, FAAN, an assistant professor and director of the clinical simulation laboratories at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, died of cancer 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 plans 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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# DEBRA L. SPUNT 2012 LECTURE

## Simulation Competencies: A Door to Leadership

Can you envision a future where every nurse develops and demonstrates leadership competencies? Simulation can be used as a powerful tool to develop a variety of leadership competencies in students as well as practicing nurses regardless of role. Faculty who are passionate about simulation can develop career paths as leaders, using simulation as the focus of their research and professional development. Simulation is opening doors to leadership.

## MARY ELIZABETH (BETH) MANCINI

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Beth Mancini is professor, associate dean and chair for undergraduate nursing programs at the University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing. She holds the Baylor Health Care System Professorship for Healthcare Research and is the current president of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. Dr. Mancini has led simulation initiatives at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Simulation Task Force, Sigma Theta Tau International's Simulation and Emerging Technologies Content Advisory Group, and the World Health Organization's Initiative on Training and Simulation and Patient Safety. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, the American Heart Association, and the NLN's Academy of Nursing Education.



# A SYMBOL OF LEADERSHIP

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

to be held each year at the National League for Nursing Education Summit.



The NLN Foundation is pleased to have this opportunity to establish the Debra L. Spunt Lecture thanks to generous funding by Laerdal.