

Waldron Character Campaign Reflection

The Waldron College “Who Are We Character Campaign” took place during the Fall 2016 semester. The campaign featured both a faculty member and student representative from each discipline in Waldron College. Dr. Wendy Downey, the faculty representative, selected me to represent the nursing profession as a student on the panel. I met with Dr. Downey twice before the SCI sponsored event to go over what we would say. We also created a Google document of the PowerPoint slides we were going to present to the audience. She and I discussed areas where we felt we could offer more insight, and chose which person would present that information. For example, I presented more on career opportunities, as I was about to begin searching for a job in the field. We were allotted approximately fifteen minutes and presented at the event to a mixture of faculty and students.

This panel was significant because it allowed multiple disciplines to share information about their specialties and every day duties with one another. Often times, specialties may not know what exactly other specialties do, despite often working in close proximity. For example, I do not know as much about the specifics of a physical therapist’s job, but I work with them in the hospital, and they often work with my patients. Discussions, such as this one, help unify the multiple disciplines in the hospital by making them more aware of what services they can provide to patients.

As a nurse it is critical that I utilize all of my resources to help approach the patient from a holistic approach and provide patient-tailored care. By better understanding the duties of each discipline, I can more readily make recommendations or referrals for patients to utilize these services. I will also be able to coordinate care better with other disciplines by understanding what they do. I also believe that being aware of other disciplines can promote respect in the workforce.

This panel discussion was also beneficial for the underclassman in attendance and may have an impact on their career paths; prior to this they may have had a premonition of what different disciplines did, but now they are more informed. I think that this panel discussion should occur in the future, as it of value for future practicing professionals.