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Dean of the School of Nursing

“ We’re proud of the collaborative work being done by UVA’s nursing and medical students. The ongoing work of iSERVE and the recent initiation of the UVA IHI Chapter are great examples of students not only working together, but leading together to improve patient care. ”



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### The Power of Interprofessional Collaboration: Students Initiate UVA Chapter of IHI Open School

After attending a summer workshop hosted by the Academy for Emerging Leaders in Patient Safety, dedicated nursing and medical students returned with a mission: *Improve student engagement in ongoing Patient Safety and Quality Improvement (PSQI) efforts at UVA.* They initiated the UVA Chapter of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School, a student-led joint venture of the Schools of Nursing and Medicine.

The Chapter was initiated in the fall of 2017 by student leaders Kimone Reid (SON) and Pamela Moore (SOM) and mentored by faculty John Dent, MD. *“As budding healthcare professionals, we are learning how to work in teams to provide great care to our patients. Our chapter seeks to introduce the concepts of PSQI to our classmates as integral components of patient care because great care is safe care.”* - UVA IHI Chapter Founders Kimone Reid (DNP) & Pamela Moore (MS 3)



Chapter events are open to all interested students, staff, faculty, and clinicians. The Chapter has already hosted a number of important and timely interprofessional events, including:

- ▶ “Introduction to PSQI– December 2017
- ▶ “From Error to Harm”- January 2018
- ▶ “Stop the Bleed”- March 2018
- ▶ “Legal and Ethical Issues In Healthcare”- April 2018

The UVA Chapter utilizes the framework provided by the IHI “Basic Certificate in Quality & Safety,” a nationally-recognized 13-course program in PSQI. ▶ **To contact the UVA IHI Chapter, email: [uva.ihichapter@gmail.com](mailto:uva.ihichapter@gmail.com)**

### iSERVE: Building interprofessional practice while serving the community

Since 2014, the Interprofessional Service, Education, Research & Volunteering Endeavor (iSERVE) has been providing free healthcare to underserved community members while promoting professional development and collaboration between nursing and medical students. Current activities include:

- ▶ Student-run free clinic in partnership with the Charlottesville Free Clinic
- ▶ Teaching health education and navigation at halfway facility Piedmont House
- ▶ Interprofessional Learning Events: Nursing and medical students share skills training
- ▶ Research studies assessing impact of Learning Events on student perceptions of IPE
- ▶ Presentations of research findings at VCU Emswiler Interprofessional Symposium and UVA Academy of Distinguished Educators Poster Session (Spring 2018).

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*UVA Students Holly Rector (DNP) and Rick Vavolizza (MS 4) present award-winning iSERVE research findings at UVA Academy of Distinguished Educators Poster Session*

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