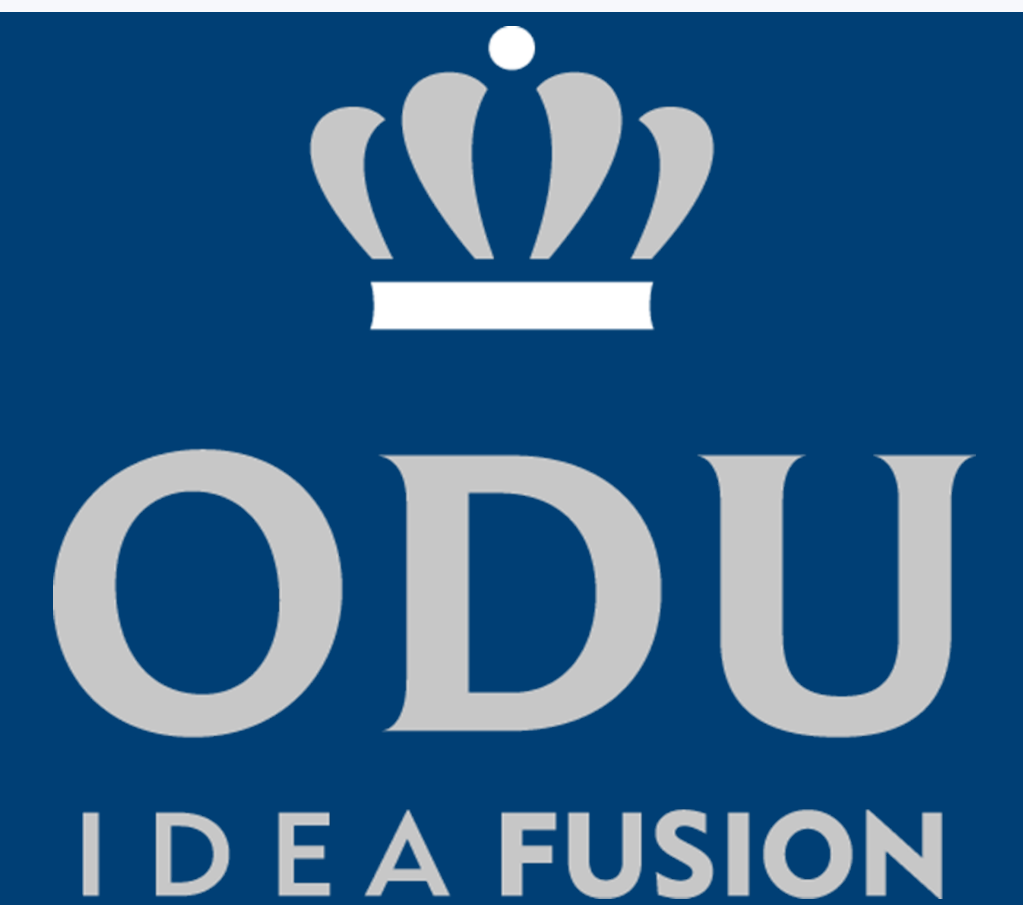# The Road to a College-wide IPE Day
Focus on Interprofessional Communication

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

FRAMEWORK: IPEC Competency Domain # 3 "Interprofessional Communication."

SIGNIFICANCE: Effective interpersonal communication is essential to affecting optimal health outcomes for all populations.

PURPOSE: To create a platform to boost awareness of the importance of effective interprofessional communication in realizing optimal health outcomes.

PRE-EVENT PREPARATION

FACULTY: Copies of "Don't Leave Me This Way" provided to 100 College faculty

STUDENTS: "Don't Leave Me This Way" read by several student cohorts including; Athletic Training, Clinical Counseling, Dental Hygiene, and Nursing

PR: Strategic activities designed and implemented to "create buzz."

EVALUATION: Program evaluation strategies developed

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES
- Keynote: Julia Fox Garrison, *"Perspective From Inside the Bed Rails & Outside the Box "*
- Panel: *" Pitfalls and Pearls Regarding Interprofessional Communication"* Faculty, Student and Patient Perspectives
- Student Only Session: *"Effective Communication is Essential to Good Outcomes".*
- Faculty, Staff, and Community Small Group Activity: *"Future Directions for IPE"*

OUTCOMES
- More than 250 participants including faculty, staff, students, patients, and community-based health system leaders participated
- Preliminary Evaluation Results: Event well received *"loved it",..."wanted more time for keynote speaker.... "*

LESSONS LEARNED
- Increase lead time for IPE Awards
- Increase timeframe for securing a nationally known speaker
- Integrate small group activities for students
- Involve more students in planning

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