



DUSNA Hosts 'Be the Image of Nursing,' Debunks Myths of the Profession

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The Duquesne University Student Nurses' Association (DUSNA) presents *Be the Image of Nursing*, featuring guest speaker Sandy Summers, founder and executive director of The Truth About Nursing (<http://www.truthaboutnursing.org/>).

The event was developed to help debunk the myths and stereotypes surrounding the nursing profession and to reiterate the critically important role that nurses play in health care.

Summers is co-author of *Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk*. The Truth About Nursing is a nonprofit organization that works to increase public understanding of the central, "front-line" roles that nurses play in modern health care. According to the organization, its "focus is to promote more accurate, balanced and frequent media portrayals of nurses and increase the media's use of nurses as expert sources."

As part of the event, a representative from Pittsburgh County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's office will read a proclamation from Allegheny County in recognition of the DUSNA hosting the event.

Summers' presentation will follow and include a question-and-answer session.

When: Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

Where: Africa Room, Duquesne Union, Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh.

Information: Summers will be available for media interviews. This event is closed to the public, but media are invited to attend and should contact Rose Ravasio in the Office of Public Affairs at 412.396.6051/cell 412.818.0234 to arrange parking.

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