

President Obama Recognizes Penn Nursing's LIFE Program

The University of Pennsylvania Living Independently for Elders program is named to President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. The Living Independently for Elders (LIFE) practice managed and operated by the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing has been named to President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, announced the Corporation for National and Community Service. The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service, and its "impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice."



The LIFE program is a nurse-managed program of all-inclusive care of frail elders, offering comprehensive integrated health and social services for older adults in West Philadelphia who are eligible for nursing home care. Through this model program, they are able to stay at home. Since 1998, LIFE has served more than 649 Philadelphia Seniors.

"It is a thrill to be honored with distinction by President Obama and contribute to the next generation's learning about care for older adults that are based on their wishes to remain in their neighborhoods with families and loved ones. Communities and universities flourish when we work together to value and respect elders who contribute vision and wisdom," said Associate Dean for Practice and Community Affairs Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, FAAN, CRNP, RN.

The Corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. For a full list of Honor Roll recipients and descriptions of their service:

http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service. The President's Honor Roll increases the public's awareness of the contributions that colleges and their students make to local communities and the nation as a whole. President Obama has pledged to make service a central cause of his administration and wishes to commemorate the significant role that higher institutions, their students, staff, and faculty play in helping to solve pressing

social problems in the nation's communities. More information on the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing's LIFE can be found at <http://www.lifeupenn.org/about.asp>.