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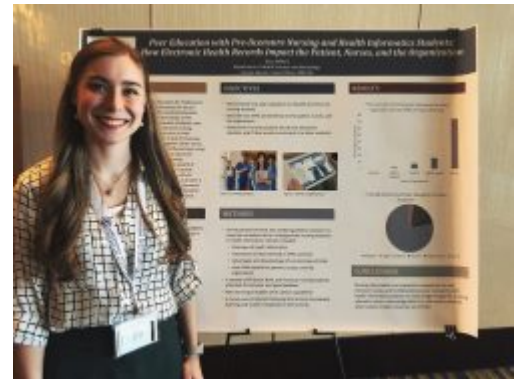
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# Wilkins presents research at Rho Psi Research Day and SRHC

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Tessa Wilkins, senior health sciences major with a concentration in health informatics, presented her research at Rho Psi Research Day at the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah, Georgia, and at the Southern Regional Honors Conference (SRHC) in Washington, D.C.

Under the guidance of Paula Tillman, DNP, assistant professor and program coordinator of health informatics in the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology, Wilkins' research titled, "Peer-Education with Pre-licensure Nursing and Health Informatics Students: How Electronic Health Records Impact the Patient, Nurses, and the Organization," showed how peer education can be used to enhance the nursing program's curriculum on healthcare IT, specifically the use of electronic medical records.



The Rho Psi Research Day is an annual event where nurses, vendors and students come together to present their research from the previous year.

"I enjoyed learning so much from the nurses' presentations," stated Wilkins, a Springfield, Georgia, native. "It was an eye-opening experience."

Attendees had the opportunity to present research, to attend a discussion panel focusing on academic/practice collaboration for new graduate nurses and to hear from keynote speaker, Ann Marie Swindler, BSN, JD, LLM, CPHRM.

SRHC is an annual conference that features research conducted by honors students from across the southeast. Students are required to submit an abstract of their work and be selected in order to present at SRHC.

"Students from Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus and Statesboro Campus attended the conference, and it was a learning and bonding experience for both groups," stated Wilkins. "It was a weekend filled with lots of research from every discipline on many different topics."

While in Washington, students were given the chance to explore history and museums in D.C.

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