St. David’s School of Nursing Simulation Director and Nursing Students Shine at the Laerdal National SUN Conference

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Senior nursing students Michelle Lenertz and Courtney Barbknecht, along with two students from the EMTS Academy (Round Rock) and two flight nurses from Methodist Air Care (San Antonio), assisted Dr. Chris McClanahan, Director of Simulation and IPE, with the opening scenario for the Laerdal National Simulation User Network (SUN) Conference on October 10th, 2017 in San Antonio. The interprofessional scenario and following presentation gave conference participants an exciting, interactive look at how quality interprofessional simulation is accomplished, from concept design to implementation and debriefing. The scenario tested the students’ ability to manage care of two critical patients simultaneously, with the limited resources of a rural hospital. The scenario display challenged their ability to work and communicate cohesively as a newly-formed team of nurses and pre-hospital providers.