

***Virginia Business Coalition on Health
and Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital Rehabilitation
Department are Winners of the 2008 College of Health
Sciences, Old Dominion University, Great Science for
Better Health Award***

On April 10, 2008 the College of Health Sciences held its annual Friends of Health Sciences Dinner. This event recognizes accomplishments and community supporters for the Great Science for Better Health Award which includes an attractively designed plaque and a cash award of \$1,500. This year's winners are the Virginia Business Coalition on Health and Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital Rehabilitation Department.

The Virginia Business Coalition on Health is the Regional Roll-Out Leader for the Leapfrog Group of Patient Safety. The purpose is to save lives and reduce preventable mistakes by giving consumers the information needed to make better healthcare decisions. The Virginia Business Coalition on Health's mission is to promote a transparent marketplace where hospital and physician quality is recognizable by the public and superior providers are rewarded.

Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital is the first rehabilitation department to "Wiihabilitate". The team of physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech language pathologists are recognized for their innovation in using the Nintendo's Wii game system to rehabilitate, motivate and condition adult rehabilitation patients. The staff at Lake Taylor's rehabilitation department has developed goals for patients that are recovering from different medical challenges such as joint replacements, fractures strokes and respiratory illness. Patients get so caught up in the game they forget they are doing therapy.

The Friends of Health Sciences are made up of community businesses, leaders, and organizations who are committed to supporting the advancement of the College of Health Sciences.

The College of Health Sciences is dedicated to improving healthcare and public health with its state-of-the-art clinics and labs. The college's five schools-Community and Environmental Health, Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory & Radiation Sciences, Nursing and Physical Therapy offer students great educational programs as well as advanced research and the opportunity to participate in real-life learning opportunities.

Old Dominion University is a public research university and is named Best Southeastern College by *The Princeton Review*. Established in 1930 as part of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, it has grown over the years awarding its first bachelor degree in 1956 and became an independent institution in 1962 and is now one of only 101 public universities with a Carnegie/Doctorial Research-Extensive distinction.