Niehoff student selected for Schweitzer Fellowship
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Melody Cibock, a student at Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing in Maywood, Ill., has been selected for the Schweitzer Fellowship. She was awarded the fellowship to design and implement innovative, yearlong projects to help improve health and well-being within vulnerable Chicago communities.

Cibock plans to empower people with and without developmental disabilities in the L’Arche International community to take a more active role in their healthcare decisions and general well-being, according to a news release.

L’Arche International is a not-for-profit foundation that focuses on those with intellectual disabilities and those who assist them.

"Everyone deserves the same opportunities for health and well-being," Cibock said in the release.

Once established, she hopes to make her project sustainable beyond the fellowship year.

"I anticipate that there might be challenges, so I know it will take dedication, hard work and love," she said.

Named in honor of humanitarian and Nobel laureate Albert Schweitzer, MD, the Schweitzer Fellows Program encourages service-minded students to "make their lives their argument" by addressing the serious health challenges facing underserved populations, according to the release.