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NSU SHARKS NEWSLETTER

FALL, 2015



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEAN



The success of great pharmacists and amazing leaders lies in their ability to communicate well. In the same vein, it is important that we, as a College of Pharmacy, effectively communicate with our students, alumni, faculty, staff, preceptors, and other stakeholders. As part of our efforts to increase outreach and visibility, we are very pleased to provide you with the inaugural issue of our NSU College of Pharmacy Sharks Rx Newsletter. Each quarterly edition will highlight exceptional achievements of our NSU College of Pharmacy family and provide important updates about the college.

I look forward to highlighting your successes – professional and personal – as the success of our graduates is the ultimate goal of all faculty members.

Unfortunately, we sometimes lose track of our alumni and are unaware of your accomplishments. You can help us by submitting your updates and stories to copalumni@nova.edu or <https://www.nova.edu/webforms/alumni/> and please include photos when possible! We really do want to hear from you!

NSU College of Pharmacy continues to ascend to ever greater heights. We take immense pride in all aspects of the college and are focused on educating and developing practitioners and researchers who, through their leadership and entrepreneurship, will transform the profession of pharmacy. Keep an eye on NSU College of Pharmacy – we are creating bright futures for our graduates by preparing them to practice in innovative ways. Enjoy the NSU College of Pharmacy Sharks Rx Newsletter and look for future editions.

Shark Pride!
Lisa Deziel, PharmD, PhD

COLLEGE NEWS

College provides immunizations to our community



Frederick Lippman, B.Sc., R.Ph. Ed.D., Chancellor of the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, receives his influenza immunizations administered by pharmacist, Aisy Aleu, Pharm.D ('98). Student pharmacist Patricia Muñoz ('16) looks on as Dr. Lippman completes the required paperwork. [Read more >>](#)

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs

The college will begin offering a *Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs* starting in Fall 2016. This two-year degree program is designed for persons interested in the acquisition of knowledge and skills associated with pharmaceutical agents and are looking for careers in the Bio-Pharmaceutical industry. Interested applicants should have completed a Bachelor's degree with strong science content. Applications for the program will open in January 2016.

Continuing Pharmacy Education



NSU Fall Classic 2015
Saturday, November 7, 2015
Sunday, November 8, 2015
Fort Lauderdale Campus

If you seek to enjoy being employed in the years to come then you need to know the entire scenario that is happening with physician dispensers in Florida. You will need to re-think your professional options. In a short summary, this two-day conference will present provoking presentations that will identify “genuine threatening challenges” to current pharmacy practices that are not being addressed elsewhere. [More information >>](#)

STUDENT NEWS

Student of the Month



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER 2015
Advanced Standing Student Pharmacist
Camala Murray nee Myrie
CLASS OF 2017
Fort Lauderdale Campus

Camala Murray nee Myrie is recognized for being an exceptional student who participates admirably in organization activities while maintaining an excellent GPA. She has received several awards and honors, mentors new Advanced Standing students, and provides exceptional leadership in her role as President of CPFI and an officer in SNPhA.

[More on the *Student of the Month* awards >>](#)

Nour Samra ('17) receives the 2015 TYLENOL® Future Care Scholarship



Nour Samra (Pharm.D. '17) is one of the 40 nationwide recipients of the [2015 TYLENOL® Future Care Scholarship](#). She states: "As a pharmacist, I am given the privilege to touch people's lives while simultaneously investing in a career that will allow me to grow and evolve. My passion for public service, coupled with my thirst for knowledge and self development, made a profession that's fulfilling, constantly changing and intellectually stimulating a natural choice. I believe I have a social obligation to help individuals of low socioeconomic status receive the care they deserve. Through this profession, I am given the tools to bridge the gaps in the healthcare system and bring about the changes I hope to see in the world."

College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremonies



The College of Pharmacy celebrated its 2015 incoming class with the annual White Coat Ceremony, marking the students's entrance into the pharmacy profession. This year the college welcomed 261 new students made up of 85 male and 176 female students from 8 international countries and 22 states. The diversity of the incoming class reflects the university's and college's core value of embracing diversity and preparing students for a global society. This year's keynote speaker at the Fort Lauderdale campus was Kiran Krishnan, Ph.D., Vice President of US Regulatory Affairs at Apotex Corporation. Apotex, a corporate partner with the college, provides internship opportunities for our students at its headquarters in Weston, FL.

Students attended the White Coat Ceremony at their respective campuses with family, friends, and alumni present. In addition, live streaming was provided for the Fort Lauderdale ceremony with 226 people viewing the webcast from 84 cities and 16 countries.

Expansion of the Dean's Ambassador Program



The College of Pharmacy was proud to celebrate the expansion of the Dean's Ambassador Program to the Palm Beach Campus and Puerto Rico Regional Campus during its Induction Ceremony held on April 7, 2015.

Selected based on their academic achievement, Shark pride and commitment to excellence, the Dean's Ambassador Program (founded in 2009 at the Ft. Lauderdale main campus) serves to further engage students in representing the COP and the University among alumni, preceptors, constituents, affiliated organizations, professional

communities, and the public in general.

[Read more about the Dean's Ambassador Program >>](#)

SSHP Chapter Recognition



Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHPs) was officially recognized nationally for their successful efforts to promote membership in local, state, and national health-system organizations; stimulate interest in acute and ambulatory settings; and encourage career development and professionalism among students aspiring to careers in acute and ambulatory settings.

Our First Social and Administrative Pharmacy Ph.D. Graduates



Congratulations to Drs. Almasri and Noor, who are NSU College of Pharmacy's first Ph.D. students to successfully defend their doctoral dissertations in the Social and Administrative Pharmacy Sequence of the Ph.D. program.

Pictured: **Diena Almasri**, Pharm.D., M.S., Ph.D (left) and **Ahmad Noor**, Pharm.D., M.S., Ph.D. (right). [Read more >>](#)

FACULTY NEWS

2014-15 Professor of the Year: Manuel J. Carvajal, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Sociobehavioral & Administrative Pharmacy



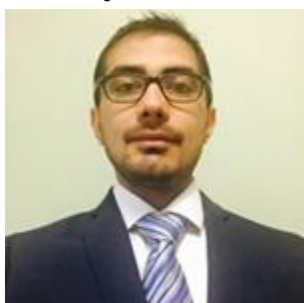
The College of Pharmacy Professor of the Year Award is conferred upon a full-time faculty member who has served the University for at least ten years, has achieved national and/or international prominence, and has earned a distinguished reputation through significant contributions to research and scholarship and exceptional instruction. Evidence of excellence is judged on scholarly productivity and in teaching/instruction.

Congratulations to Dr. Deth



Congratulations to Richard Deth, Ph.D., Professor of Pharmacology in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences on his two most recently funded awards: one from United States Department of Defense for “Testing the Model: A Phase I/II Randomized Double Blind Placebo Control Trial of Therapeutics: Liposomal Glutathione and Curcumin” and the other award from A2 Milk Company for “Effects of BCM7 on Uptake and Transport of Essential Micronutrients.”

Faculty as an Invited Guest Speaker at Oxford University



Malav S. Trivedi, M.S., Ph.D., assistant professor in the department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was invited as a guest speaker at the prestigious Oxford University, United Kingdom to present his research. The presentation was a special seminar organized by the “Food and Behavior” organization, which is dedicated both to advancing scientific research into the links between nutrition and human behavior and to making the findings from such research available to the widest possible audience. [Read more>>>](#)

Fulbright Recipient



Our faculty and cancer researcher Appu Rathinavelu, Ph.D., was selected for a prestigious J. William Fulbright award to conduct cancer research and training in India. Dr. Rathinavelu has been involved in cancer research since 1992, and under his leadership as Executive Director, NSU’s Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research, is conducting groundbreaking research on new cancer therapeutics and powerful diagnostic methods for breast, lung, pancreatic and colorectal cancers. [Read more>>>](#)

Pharmacy Professor earns prestigious fellowship



Barry Bleidt, Ph.D., Pharm.D., R.Ph., professor in the Sociobehavioral and Administrative Pharmacy Department at Nova Southeastern University’s College of Pharmacy, was among a select group of five pharmaceutical researchers elected as Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association’s Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA-APRS) at the organization’s 2015 Annual Meeting and Exposition in San Diego, California.

ALUMNI NEWS

Recognized by the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP)



Constance Hogrefe, Pharm.D., ('00), Director of Pharmacy at Promise Hospital of Fort Myers, was named the 2015 FSHP Pharmacist of the Year by the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

[Read more>>](#)

Appointed to FSHP Board



David Ballesteros, Pharm.D., ('99), was elected to the FSHP Board, Southwest Region. Ballesteros has held various leadership roles with Suncoast Hospice, Anazaohealth, Pharmacy Management Services, Inc. (PMSI), and Express Scripts. He was also a Pharmacist Officer in the Army Reserves, 345th Combat Support Hospital in St. Petersburg. His military service included serving as Company Commander for the 73rd Field Hospital,

and serving on military humanitarian missions to Paraguay, South America. Ballesteros served as the President for SWSHP, and Chair for the Organizational Affairs Council for FSHP. [Read more>>](#)

Keep in touch!

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Upcoming Events

November 6: 2015 Homecoming Alumni Reunion "Shark Pride" Reception

November 7: Alumni Lunch Social: CE Fall Classic

November 12: 2015 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Honoree Presentation: Christopher G. Lynch, Pharm. D., ('97)

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PRECEPTOR'S CORNER

NSU College of Pharmacy recognizes its valued Preceptors

Osmel (Ozzie) Delgado, Pharm.D. ('02)



Osmel (Ozzie) Delgado, Pharm.D. ('02) is changing the face of pharmacy at the executive level at Cleveland Clinic Florida. He was promoted from Director of Pharmacy to the Administrative Director of Clinical Operations for the hospital. As an NSU preceptor for over 10 years, he has inspired our students to change healthcare and pharmacy practice. Delgado was the recipient of NSU's Celebration of Excellence Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 2013. [Read more>>](#)

Bryan Ciervo, Pharm.D. ('02)



Bryan Ciervo, Pharm.D. ('02) is a proud alumni who embraces the college's values of professionalism, service, and teamwork. A Pharmacy Manager at Target Corporation, Bryan enjoys working with his patients and providing personalized patient care. A dedicated preceptor, he contributes his talents to the college in IPPE Community and APPE Advanced Community and Medication Therapy Management. In addition, he teaches alongside faculty in the Patient Care Management labs. Students acknowledge his commitment to help them succeed, and describe him as "more than I could ever hope for as a preceptor". His

patience and guidance helps students learn the responsibilities of a community pharmacist. Bryan is currently completing his MBA degree at NSU Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship, and is excited to combine his Pharm.D. and MBA for increased opportunities to enhance the profession.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The Travel Study Program



The Travel Study program, offered in the summer, is a wonderful and unique opportunity for students to understand, observe, and appreciate pharmaceutical and medical practices outside the United States. This past summer, Dr. Ana Castejon and Dr. Elizabeth Shepherd successfully conducted the program in Slovakia. Two students presented their experience during the College of Pharmacy Orientation to promote the program and inform students about this unique opportunity. Next summer, the College of Pharmacy (Dr. Jesus Sanchez and Dr. Elizabeth Shepherd) will travel to Spain from June 8-26, 2016.

NSU College of Pharmacy represented at the Florida-Japan Summit



Gabriela Romeu (seen third from right), International Program Coordinator, represented NSU College of Pharmacy at the Florida-Japan Summit hosted by the Florida Delegation, Southeast U.S./Japan Association held at Florida International University in September. The Summit promotes business, education and cultural ties between Florida and Japan. Prior to coming to NSU Ms. Romeu spent two years teaching in Japan on the prestigious Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Alumni Calendar of Events](#)



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