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NSU SHARKS NEWSLETTER



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



FALL, 2016



Lisa Deziel, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
Dean, College of Pharmacy

Growth and success continue to sustain the upward trajectory of NSU College of Pharmacy. I know you, as an important stakeholder of the college, are very proud of the many student, faculty, and alumni achievements highlighted in this newsletter.

This semester has been a whirlwind of activity, including the opening of NSU's Center of Collaborative Research (CCR), expanding research opportunities for all of our students. Several of our faculty have been recognized across the university for their amazing achievements, and our students are embracing the opportunity to be active professionally. We continue to grow our scholarship funds for students and sincerely appreciate the philanthropic support we have received from corporations, alumni, and friends. We are showcasing our many innovative projects nationally and internationally, increasing visibility for the college.

I appreciate the support we receive from our alumni and encourage all of you to engage with us. You can make a difference in the lives and careers of our students by helping to mentor the next generation of NSU pharmacists through our Career Development program. Although our college is unrecognizable from the early years in North Miami Beach, those years set a very strong foundation for what we have become and where we will go from here. We will be honoring our first pharmacy graduates at the November 4 reunion and I hope to see all of our alumni at the celebration.

Shark Pride!

Lisa Deziel, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

COLLEGE PRIDE

Florida's Future: The Medical Marijuana Debate



Left to right: Robert C. Speth, Ph.D.; Scott Kjelson, Pharm.D. C.Ph. ('14); Rep. Joseph Geller; Lisa Deziel, Pharm.D., Ph.D., dean; Stanley Cohen, Ed.D.; Jeffrey Block M.D.; Rep. Dennis K. Baxley; Barney Bishop III, CEO Florida Smart Justice Alliance; Andrew Abramson, and Jose Valdes Pharm D., BCPP.

On October 21 the college hosted a medical marijuana debate to discuss the health, political, legal, and social issues related to Florida's proposed Constitutional Amendment 2, to be voted on in the November 8, 2016 election. The event was moderated by Andrew Abramson, editorial writer and columnist of the Sun-Sentinel newspaper. Panel members included Ben Pollara, campaign manager of United for Care, Amendment 2; Representative Joseph Geller, Florida House of Representatives, 100th District; Barney Bishop III, CEO Smart Justice Alliance; and Representative Dennis K. Baxley, Florida House of Representatives, 23rd District. The inter professional medical panel included Jeffrey Block, M.D., Jose Valdes, Pharm.D., and Robert Speth, Ph.D. both of the College of Pharmacy. The event was streamed on NSU SharkMedia, Facebook and on the Sun-Sentinel webpage and can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

Publix provides endowed scholarships for NSU students



Publix is committed to the community and supporting non-profits focused on supporting youth and education. Through its partnership with NSU COP, Publix has provided \$100,000 in funds towards the Publix Pharmacy Endowed Scholarship fund. The fund awards up to five \$1,000 scholarships to P2 - P4 students interested in pursuing careers as community pharmacists, experiencing financial hardship, and demonstrating academic excellence. NSU COP is proud of its partnership with Publix, and their ongoing support of our students.

Inter-professional partnerships with community partners and ACOs

Supported by a NSU Quality of Life Faculty Community-based Applied Research Grant and in collaboration with [Accountable Care Options, LLC](#), [MMR Healthcare](#), and [Cambridge Medical Group](#), all from Boynton Beach, FL, and [Juicery Rx](#), Coral Springs, FL, faculty members from the College of Pharmacy and the College of Health Sciences, provided expertise to patients on how to self-manage heart disease through diet, exercise and medication adherence. The event was aimed to improve quality of life in patients with two or more chronic conditions and provided information, inclusion, opportunities for community engagement, and other life-enhancing endeavors.

College supports NSU Athletics



The college celebrated American Pharmacists Month while supporting breast cancer awareness and the NSU Women's Volleyball team at the annual 2016 COP Athletics Family Night. The event brings faculty, students, and alumni together to enjoy an evening of networking and pride supporting NSU athletics. The NSU Sharks beat the Barry Buccaneers, 3-1 in an exciting game on Think Pink night. We look forward to next year's event. Stay tuned.

STUDENT PRIDE

Celebrating diversity and breaking down barriers



C. Daniel Pearson

P4 Pharm.D. student Christopher Daniel Pearson was selected to serve on the National Executive Board for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA). As Region II Facilitator, Pearson facilitates the largest region which includes 23 pharmacy schools from North Carolina to Mississippi. Pearson is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve, and will use his experience as College of Pharmacy SGA President, an active member of Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Honor Society and Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, to maintain excellent communication between the chapters and the national office, be a source of encouragement and motivation for chapters, and promote collaboration. His mission is to ensure there are no barriers preventing chapters meeting their full potential and help establish SNPhA chapters outside the USA.

P4 student receives national leadership scholarship



Kaitav Shah

Congratulations to Kaitav Shah ('17) who was awarded the NCPA Foundation's Presidential Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes NCPA student members on the basis of leadership qualities and accomplishments with a demonstrated interest in independent pharmacy. Shah has served as both vice-president and president of the NCPA Student Chapter at NSU, as well as student representative for Broward County Pharmacy Association. In addition to being heavily involved in leadership activities at NSU COP, Shah is an honor student. Shah was recognized during the foundation's Awards Ceremony in October, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Students positively impacting the community

APhA- ASP of Palm Beach teams up with Diabetes Coalition of Palm



Beach County during Diabetes month to conduct the American Diabetes Association risk assessment questionnaire and measure blood glucose levels. Last year over 20 students and faculty advisor Sarah Alameddine, Pharm.D. participated in the event serving over 100 community members. This year's event is November 12 at Palm Beach Outlets. [Read more](#)

Ph.D Program celebrates 2016 graduates



M. Almetwazi



S. Muppalaneni



A. Althemery



A. Alfaifi

Congratulations to Ph.D. Class of 2016 graduates Mansour S. Almetwazi, Ph.D., Sirnath Muppalaneni, Ph.D., Abdullah A. Alfaifi, Ph.D., and Abdullah U. Althemery, Ph.D. Muppalaneni is now Senior Research Scientist at Sancilio & Company, Inc. in West Palm Beach. Almetwazi, Althemery and Alfaifi have returned to Saudi Arabia where they are teaching at national universities – Almetwazi at King Saud University and Althemery and Alfaifi at Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University.

Student of the Month



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2016

Jessica Greenwood

CLASS OF 2018

Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus

Each month the college celebrates students who exemplify the college's mission, vision, and values. For more information on our outstanding students [click here](#)

FACULTY PRIDE

Rathinavelu named NSU Professor of the Year

Congratulations to Appu Rathinavelu Ph.D., professor, pharmaceutical sciences, who was awarded NSU Professor of the Year. The award is conferred on a full-time faculty member who has served the university for a least ten years, achieved national and/or international prominence, and has earned a distinguished reputation through significant contributions to research and scholarship and exceptional instructions. Evidence of excellence is judged on scholarly productivity and in teaching/instruction. Rathinavelu joined NSU in 1992 and is the Executive Director, Rumbaugh–Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research. [Read](#)



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Appu Rathinavelu Ph.D.

Robert C. Speth, Ph.D., receives prestigious Provost's Research and Scholarship Award from NSU



(left to right): Ralph V. Rogers Jr., Ph.D., NSU executive vice president and provost; Robert C. Speth, Ph.D., recipient of NSU's 6th Annual Provost's Research and Scholarship Award; Lisa Deziel, Pharm.D., Ph.D., dean, NSU College of Pharmacy; Stanley Cohen, Ed.D., nominator of Dr. Speth; and George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., NSU president & CEO.

In recognition of his significant contributions to Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Robert C. Speth, Ph.D. was named the recipient of the Sixth Annual Provost's Research and Scholarship Award. Speth is a researcher and professor of pharmaceutical sciences at NSU's COP. "This is the greatest honor that has ever been bestowed upon me," said Dr. Speth. What makes it even greater is the fact that there are so many other incredibly talented faculty members in the NSU family who are also deserving of this recognition. I dedicate this award to my mentor Hank Yamamura who taught me to always make the best interests of my students my highest priority, and it is those very same students who paved the way for me to receive this honor." [Read more](#)

COP faculty recognized by university for research and scholarship



Ana Castejon



Richard Deth



Jean Latimer



Appu Rathinavelu



Elizabeth Sherman



Robert Speth



Malav Trivedi

COP faculty, Ana Castejon, Ph.D., Richard Deth, Ph.D., Jean Latimer, Ph.D., Appu Rathinavelu, Ph.D., Elizabeth Sherman, Pharm.D., Robert Speth, Ph.D., and Malav Trivedi, Ph.D. were all recognized at the External Funding Recognition Reception held in October. The award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of NSU faculty members who received external grant funding during the previous fiscal year. Congratulations to our outstanding faculty and the important research they do to improve global health.

Latimer named Director of NSU AutoNation Breast & Solid Tumor Cancer Institute

Jean Latimer, Ph.D., associate professor, pharmaceutical sciences, was named Director of NSU AutoNation Breast & Solid Tumor Cancer Institute. The institute is focused on developing and advancing improved methods of prevention and treatment for various forms of cancer. Connect with NSU's



Jean Latimer, Ph.D.

research at TRED talks (left).

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NSU COP a leader in transitions of care



Sara M. Eltaki, Pharm.D.

Sara M. Eltaki, Pharm.D., BCPS, assistant professor, pharmacy practice, leads a practice site which currently bills for transitional care management (TCM) services. Eltaki and fellow APhA-APPM Transitions of Care SIG member Hannah Davis, Pharm.D., M.S., University Health System, Texas, led a webinar in the “Billing for Services in Transitions of Care” series. “Billing Fundamentals: Walking the walk, talking the talk” focused on basic payment structure, Medicare billing, how to generate revenue for services, and opportunities for pharmacy services under MACRA.

Director of Student Transitions



Scott Kjelson, Pharm.D.

Scott Kjelson, Pharm.D. C.Ph., ('14), joined the college in August as Director of Student Transitions, and assistant professor, pharmacy practice. Kjelson started his medical journey as a US Navy Corpsman where he worked as a surgical medic and completed his Pharm.D. degree at Nova Southeastern University. He will support the college’s mission by overseeing the seamless transition and participation of pharmacy students throughout the college experience.

ALUMNI PRIDE

Armando Bardisa - 2016 Distinguished Alumni Honoree



Armando Bardisa, Pharm.D.

Congratulations to alumnus Armando Bardisa, Pharm.D. ('97), on being awarded our 2016 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. The honorees were selected from a pool of over 70 nominations by the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Selection Committee, and confirmed by President Hanbury. Distinguished alumni have made outstanding contributions to their professions and/or community, have great pride for their alma mater, and are committed to advancing NSU’s values and goals. Bardisa is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Board, and founder and CEO of SMP Pharmacy Solutions. SMP Pharmacy Solutions was recognized for the eighth time in Inc. magazine as one of the fastest-growing private companies in America and an entrepreneurial leader for its three-year sales growth of 396%.

[Read more](#)

Alumnus leads Walgreens Safe Medication Disposal program



(L) House Speaker Paul Ryan joins Walgreens CEO Richard Ashworth ('99) at launch of the drug take-back disposal program in Wisconsin

Walgreens Safe Medication Disposal Kiosks are now available at nearly 300 Pharmacies in 21 States. The initiative leads the fight against overprescription drug abuse. "Walgreens has taken an important first step to curb the misuse of medications throughout the country and continues to make progress in offering easy and convenient medication disposal," said Richard Ashworth, Pharm.D. ('99), Walgreens president of pharmacy and retail operations. "Everyone has a role to play in minimizing prescription drug abuse, and we are committed to being part of a comprehensive solution to reverse this epidemic." [Read more](#)

Alumna opens Juice Bar



Alumna Kimmi (Le) Stultz, Pharm.D., '07) opened up Juicery Rx in Coral Springs, FL which was recently named one of the top 10 juice bars in Broward and Palm Beach Counties by the Broward Palm Beach New Times (September 2016). The juice bar creates custom made juice cleanses and a healthy menu for the entire family. Congratulations to Stultz on her entrepreneurial venture. We are proud of you! [Read more](#)

Tell us your story

Email your updates and stories to copalumni@nova.edu. Please include 1 or 2 high resolution photos when possible.

GLOBAL PRIDE

Professor teams with neurological mission in Ecuador



Participants in the 8th annual neurological mission with the International Neurology Foundation in Ecuador

Jose Valdes, Pharm.D., BCPP, assistant professor, (3rd from left front row) participated in the 8th annual neurological mission with the International Neurology Foundation - Centro Internacional en Neurociencias in July, 2016 as the program's first clinical pharmacist. [Read more](#)

Travel Study programs planned for 2017



Plans are underway for the 2017 Travel Study programs at NSU COP. For the first time NSU COP will be offering three concurrent travel study programs: Travel Study Slovakia/Italy, Travel Study Puerto Rico, and Travel Study Argentina. Programs will be open to both NSU and non-NSU students. Applications will be accepted in January and applicants from colleges of pharmacy across the United States are encouraged to apply for these unique study experiences. Alumni and friends of the university interested in joining the program should contact phss@nova.edu for more information. Updated Information will also be posted on the NSU COP website.

NSU PRIDE

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) ranked among top 20 global universities by 2030



Times Higher Education and *World University* ranked NSU as one of 20 universities in the world and one of only nine universities in the U.S. that “could challenge the elite” universities and become globally renowned by the year 2030. [Read More](#)

Grand opening of Center for Collaborative Research (CCR)



The College is proud to be a part of the CCR which is home to several distinguished COP faculty from the department of pharmaceutical sciences and students conducting research in the facility. Jean Latimer, Ph.D., associate professor, was named Director of the AutoNation Institute for Breast and Solid Tumor Cancer Research, located at the CCR. Appu Rathinavelu, Professor and Executive Director of the Rumbaugh–Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research and his team continue their efforts in discovering new therapeutic targets and novel drugs for cancer treatments.

Richard Deth, Ph.D., professor, and Malav Trivedi, Ph.D., assistant professor are conducting research investigating the influence of nutrition and dietary peptides on mediating epigenetic changes. – [Read More](#)

Realizing Potential

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REALIZING POTENTIAL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3, 2016 – Fort Lauderdale Preceptor Fair – for information contact [Carmen Kunstmann](#)

- November 4, 2016 – Puerto Rico Fair – to register and for information contact [Julie Marin, Pharm.D.](#)
- November 4, 2016 – SharksRx Alumni Homecoming Reunion– [Click to register](#)
- November 5 & 6, 2016 – NSU Fall Classic 2016 CE for Pharmacists – [Click to register](#)
- November 5 & 6, 2016 – NSU Fall Classic 2016 CE for Pharmacy Technicians – [Click to register](#)
- November 9, 2016 – Palm Beach Preceptor Fair – for information contact [Carmen Kunstmann](#)
- November 10, 2016 – Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards – [Click for more information](#)
- November 11, 2016 – Career Development Pathways – [Click for more information](#)
- February 11 & 12, 2017 – 5th Annual Integrative Nutrition CE Event – PharmCE@nova.edu
- March 18 & 19, 2017 – Initial Consultant Pharmacist License CE Event – PharmCE@nova.edu



[Alumni Calendar of Events](#)



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