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# SHARKS

## NEWSLETTER



FALL II, 2017



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

Last month, the College of Pharmacy experienced two devastating hurricanes: Irma and Maria. Immediately upon reopening after Hurricane Irma, which resulted in some scheduling adjustments for this semester, Hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico, home to one of our regional campuses. Faculty, staff, and students in Puerto Rico continue to be affected by the loss of power, lack of clean water, and damage to homes and businesses. Several of our students and staff have lost homes and living conditions remain very difficult. A few students have relocated to one of our Florida campuses to continue their studies. The college is working closely with the university to ensure that those affected by the hurricane receive help. The academic schedule, including didactic courses, IPPEs, and APPEs for our students in Puerto Rico, has been adjusted to get them back on track by the end of the academic year.

Many offers of assistance to our students from our sister colleges of pharmacy, experiential sites, and pharmacy student groups have been received and we are extremely grateful for the camaraderie that exists between our institutions.

In addition ASHP, AACP, and ACPE have offered assistance to our students in other tangible ways. The campus has reopened, and classes resumed October 16 under the leadership of Blanca Ortiz, Pharm.D., assistant dean, Puerto Rico Campus. In the midst of their own crisis, a group of faculty and students traveled to Caguas, PR, to provide healthcare services to refugees at the request of the First Lady of Puerto Rico. We are very proud of the resilience and commitment shown by our faculty, staff, and students.

In addition to supplies sent by NSU on regular charter flights, our #pharmily on the mainland has donated water and other non-perishable items to be distributed to the COP in Puerto Rico. Thanks to the COP Student Government Association for organizing this effort. In addition, monetary donations were collected and t-shirt and PR pins were sold to raise funds for the PR campus. NSU has established the NSU CARES fund to help students and employees in need of assistance. Donations can be made by texting NSUCARES to 41444. To request assistance from NSU Cares, please complete the [NSU Cares form](#) and email to [nsucares@nova.edu](mailto:nsucares@nova.edu).



College of Pharmacy, Puerto Rico Regional Campus, assisting refugees at the Caguas health fair

### *Shark Pride!*

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

## COLLEGE PRIDE

### New PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency approved

A community-based collaborative NSUCOP/Walgreens Residency program with a focus in Specialty Pharmacy has been approved for the 2018–2019 residency program year. The residency will prepare graduates for leadership positions that advance initiatives in chronic patient care in specialty pharmacy, one of the fastest growing segments of the healthcare industry. Interprofessional experiences will prepare residents for practice in areas such as HIV, Hepatitis C, organ transplant, oncology, cystic fibrosis, chronic inflammatory disease, fertility, and academia. For more information contact [Jennifer Steinberg](#), Pharm.D., BCPS, director of experiential education and assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

### New Director of Student Affairs



Jeffrey Jurkas, M.B.A. ('14), was named director of student affairs at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus. Mr. Jurkas' responsibilities include, but are not limited to, directing, designing, implementing, and evaluating student polices, programs, and activities. He will facilitate student success while increasing student engagement, student retention, and engaging alumni. Prior to accepting this position, Mr. Jurkas served as assistant director, graduate admission, and admissions counselor with the college.

## STUDENT PRIDE

Students from the College of Pharmacy at both Florida campuses organized fundraisers to support fellow students impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Students are shown here with supplies to be shipped to Puerto Rico.



Jeffery Jurkas, director of student affairs (third from right), is shown here with members of the SGA executive board packing supplies.



Students at the Palm Beach Campus held a “Love for Lukas Jeans Day Fundraiser” for classmate Terry Smith ('20) and his family. Smith’s son Lukas was born on December 22, 2016 with a healthy perspective. However, after a few short months he was diagnosed with Alexander Disease (Progressive Leukodystrophy). The disease is so rare that doctors cannot prepare the family on what to expect next. To help support the Smith family contributions are accepted on their go fund me page [Love for Lukas](#).



Each year the College of Pharmacy holds Diversity Dialogs discussing bias, discrimination, microaggression, prejudice, and stereotypes. This year’s discussion was moderated by Brian Stonebraker, international program coordinator, with student panelists Julio Simon, ('19) and Parvathy Varma ('19) who shared their experiences and answered questions from the audience. Audience members were also able to share their stories and perspectives on what diversity means to them.

## FACULTY PRIDE

Goar Alvarez, Pharm.D., ('92), assistant dean, pharmacy services was the recipient of the coveted 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for Outstanding Community Service. Dr. Alvarez was presented the award at the 127th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Florida Pharmacy Association. This national



award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their perspective communities. Dr. Alvarez is shown with his wife and daughter.



Brian Hierholzer, Pharm.D. ('03), clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice has had a busy hurricane season so far, responding to not one, but two hurricane disasters. As a member of Disaster Medication Assistant Teams (DMAT), Hierholzer was deployed after Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston, TX, and again to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. In Manati, Puerto Rico, he is part of the team running a make shift hospital in the basketball arena seeing up to 150 acute care patients and housing over 30 inpatients.



Marina Ishak, Pharm.D. joined the faculty at the Palm Beach campus as academic instructor/facilitator. She will facilitate the academic instructional environment at the campus and provide instruction to students. Prior to coming to NSU COP Dr. Ishak graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University College of Pharmacy, and completed her residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center focusing on critical care and internal medicine.



Hamid Omidian, Ph.D., professor of pharmaceutical sciences was awarded the College of Pharmacy *President's Distinguished Professor Award of Excellence* for the academic year 2016-17. Dr. Omidian is an accomplished researcher with over 25 years of experience with various polymers for pharmaceutical and biomedical applications. His prolific career to date has resulted in 3 issued patents, 34 pending patents and invention disclosures, over 80 published manuscripts, and numerous presentations and abstracts.



Alexandra Perez, Pharm.D. ('05), M.S., associate professor of sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy was accepted in the Expanding National Capacity in PCOR through Training (ENACT) fellowship program at the University of Pittsburg's Institute for Clinical Research Education. The one-year intensive training program in patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) methodologies leading to a proposal that will be the basis for development of a final PCOR grant or contract submission. Perez will be working with her research mentor, Albert I. Wertheimer, Ph.D., professor of sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy on a proposal on medication use in racial/ethnic minorities with type 2 diabetes.



Albert I. Wertheimer, Ph.D., professor of sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy, was present at this year's awarding of the fellowship named in his honor at the University of Minnesota (UM). The Wertheimer Leadership Fellowship, established in 2002, recognizes students in the social and administrative pharmacy program at UM for leadership qualities and aspirations in pharmacy. Included are a stipend and certificate of merit presented to the candidates.

## ALUMNI PRIDE

### Distinguished Alumni Honoree 2017



Hyla Fritsch (Polen), Pharm.D. ('06) is the 2017 College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Honoree. Fritsch is a graduate of the Palm Beach Campus where she is still an active participant in college activities, serving as an APPE preceptor, competition judge, mentor, and speaker at events. Dr. Fritsch is the director of pharmacy services for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and responsible for their 3406 pharmacy programs including guarantees, regulatory compliance, formulary, and compliance and production. She has received several awards including The Prudential Davis Productivity Aware of Distinction 2011, Ryan White Program Recognition for Service Excellence Award 2010, Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award 2016. Fritsch states that her time at NSU gave her a solid background to perform in an ever-changing environment that requires both intellect and empathy.

### Alumni news



Dina Besece, Pharm.D. ('91) is associate director, medical scientist at Achaogen, a biopharmaceutical company in San Francisco, CA.

Ivette Bowers, Pharm.D. ('01)



Miguel Lob, Pharm.D. ('94) was named executive medical science liaison CV metabolic at AstraZeneca in Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL.

Damian Sinclair, Pharm.D.



is the new pharmacy manager at Emerald Hills Pharmacy, LLC in Hollywood, FL.



('06) is now district manager at Walgreens Boots Alliance, Miami, FL.



Tessa Sturgill, Pharm.D. ('07) started a new position as mail order pharmacist at Mercy Health in Ohio.



Joanna Armas, Pharm.D. ('08) started a new position as regional medical director at Recro Pharma, Inc., Malvern, PA.



Helene Jacobson, Pharm.D. ('08) is operations specialist for Optum/UnitedHealth Group. She has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee.



Chih Chin, Pharm.D. ('11) is the new director of pharmacy at Westside Regional Medical Center, Plantation, FL.



Judy Maytin Seoane, Pharm.D. ('11) is pharmacy information systems specialist at Epic developing software for healthcare organizations.



Angelica M. Borrero Olan, Pharm.D. ('15) started a new position as clinical pharmacist at UPR Comprehensive Cancer Center.

## 30th Anniversary Celebration and Alumni Reunion



We are celebrating 30 years of excellence (1987–2017)! Please join us on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 7 pm at the Crowne Plaza hotel at 4000 S Ocean Dr, Hollywood, FL 33019. We are excited to announce this year will be the first time we host an Alumni Class Year Challenge! The class with the highest alumni representation (by percentage) at the celebrations will be declared the winner with a very special presentation. For more information and to register visit our [30 Years of Excellence invitation](#) or contact [copalumni@nova.edu](mailto:copalumni@nova.edu).

### Have you updated your email?

Alumni are able to request a continuance of an NSU email address, although it will not be a

nova.edu email address after December 1. Due to the required University-wide migration of email addresses, alumni may request to continue with an email address that will end in @mysu.nova.edu. For more information and to make this request, alumni must visit [My NSU Migration](#).

## Tell us your story

Email your updates and stories to [copalumni@nova.edu](mailto:copalumni@nova.edu). Please include one or two high resolution photos when possible.

## GLOBAL PRIDE



### 2017 FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Seoul, Republic of Korea

Photo on the left: Young Kwon, Mayda Carvajal, Manuel Carvajal, Lisa Deziel, and Aree Moon

Photo below left: Dinner with Dr. Jin Hyun Jeong and Dr. Myung-Ja Kim

Photo below right: Lisa Deziel and Manuel Carvajal meeting with Myung-Ja Kim



In September NSU COP attended the 2017 FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Young Kwon, Ph.D, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences and originally from the Republic of Korea attended with Dean Lisa Deziel, Ph.D. and Manuel Carvajal, Ph.D., chair and professor of sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy. The NSU COP delegation met with leaders from universities in South Korea armsluding Dr. Jin Hyun Jeong, professor, Yonsei University College of Pharmacy, Dr. Myung-Ja Kim, president of Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies, and Dr. Aree Moon, president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Korea. NSU COP is developing global relationships in keeping with our mission to transform the profession of pharmacy to improve global health, and provide opportunities in education, practice, and research. We look forward to further collaboration with our pharmacy partners in South Korea.

Elizabeth Sherman, Pharm.D. ('07), assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was a guest speaker at the Indian Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (IAC) and Devaki Amma Memorial College of Pharmacy in Kerala, India. The three-day workshop focused on medication therapy management and pharmacotherapeutics of complex disease states. Sherman shared her knowledge on HIV and AIDS antiretrovirals, HIV complications, and viral hepatitis. This is the sixth year Dr. Sherman has participated in this conference.



## NSU PRIDE

### NSU Receives \$200M from Patel Family Foundation

NSU receives its largest philanthropic gift this September from Tampa-area cardiologist, entrepreneur, community leader and philanthropist Dr. Kiran C. Patel and his wife, pediatrician Dr. Pallavi Patel. To know more about this transformational gift read the [news release](#).



Artist conceptual rendering of the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine at NSU's Tampa Bay Regional Campus

### College of Allopathic Medicine Receives "Preliminary Accreditation"

NSU's College of Allopathic Medicine has been granted "Preliminary Accreditation" by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The university will qualify for "Full Accreditation" with its first graduating class. The college is now eligible to begin to review applications and is eligible to accept its inaugural class of M.D. students in August 2018. The innovative college is the sole M.D. degree awarding medical school in Broward County, the 8th in Florida, and one of only 148 in the U.S.

### Realizing Potential

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Help support the College of Pharmacy student scholarships and research. To find out more about what the college is doing [click here](#). To donate to the College [click here](#), and remember to select College of Pharmacy for your donations. For more information on how to donate or be involved, contact us at [copalumni@nova.edu](mailto:copalumni@nova.edu).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Upcoming Events - 2017

- November 2 – United Stance Symposium, Steele Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale, FL. To RSVP: [NSU United Stance](#). For more information email [Scott Kjelson, Pharm.D.](#)
- November 4 – College of Pharmacy Alumni Homecoming/30th Anniversary Celebration, Crowne Plaza-Hollywood Beach, FL [For information](#) and to [register](#)
- November 4-5 – Continuing Education: NSU Fall Classic 2017 and alumni lunch/social, Fort Lauderdale, FL – [For information and to register](#)
- November 8 – Fort Lauderdale/Davie Preceptor Fair
- November 9 – Palm Beach Preceptor Fair
- December 3-7 – 2017 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition, Orlando, FL

### Upcoming Events - 2018

- January 17-18 – 2018 Florida Pharmacists Legislative Days and Health Fair, Tallahassee, FL



[Alumni Calendar of Events](#)



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