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# SHARKS

## NEWSLETTER



SUMMER, 2018



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

It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement I announce I will be stepping down as the NSU College of Pharmacy dean, effective August 1, and will be taking a one-year professional leave. It is very difficult to leave the place and people who have made up my home for the past 29 years and I extend a sincere thank you to all of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators who have guided me down this path and who have taught me so very much. I am greatly indebted to the NSU family and will always be proud and grateful to be a Shark! However, time is not a limitless commodity, and so, while I am still healthy and capable, I have decided to spend a year on the road experiencing new adventures and spending time learning and researching new areas for professional and personal growth.

It is with great pleasure, I announce that Michelle Clark, Ph.D. has been named interim dean of the college. Dr. Clark has been a member of the COP faculty for 17 years and has enjoyed great success as an academic

administrator, teacher, scholar and researcher. She has received grants from the National Institutes of Health and other competitive funding entities for her research in the area of pharmacology and neuroscience, specifically studying hypertension and other types of cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Clark has an extensive scholarly portfolio including peer-reviewed scientific papers, abstracts and book chapters. She is an active member of the American Heart Association and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Society. Additionally, Dr. Clark is a community-engaged leader providing health care services, raising funds for various causes, and mentoring students to be good community stewards. Dr. Clark received her M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of South Florida, College of Medicine and completed post-doctoral training in the Hypertension and Cardiovascular Center at Wake Forest University.

I have no doubt that the success and growth that we have seen at the college over the past five years will continue under Dr. Clark's leadership and I know she will benefit tremendously from the support of all of our stakeholders, as I certainly have.

Please take some time to read this newsletter, which outlines some of our most recent accomplishments. A very special congratulations to our first Masters of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs graduates, and our 19 Ph.D. and 249 Pharm.D. graduates!

As always, I encourage all alumni to contact us with their news. And please keep in touch with me and with the college! I wish you all the very best that life can bring.

*Shark Pride!*

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

## COLLEGE PRIDE

Clark named Interim Dean



Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D. was named Executive Associate Dean in February and, more recently, Interim Dean. As Executive Associate Dean, Clark provides administrative oversight of the College's academic programs and supports the Dean in the development and implementation of academic policies and procedures for all programs within the college. Prior to this position, Clark served as Chair, department of pharmaceutical sciences, and director of the M.S. in pharmaceutical sciences degree program. Dr. Clark brings a wealth of experience in the development of policies and procedures within the college and has been a leader in curricular development for both professional and graduate programs.

## Sando Appointed Assistant Dean



Karen Sando, Pharm.D., BCACP, BC-ADM was appointed assistant dean, accreditation and assessment. In this role she is responsible for leading the planning, development and implementation of assessment for the Pharm.D. program within the college and lead the college's efforts to continually improve its educational outcomes and programmatic structures and processes. Prior to joining NSU, Sando completed her Pharm.D. at the University of Florida in 2008, and her PGY-1 in ambulatory care at the University of Florida. Dr. Sando brings to NSU her experience in developing objective structured clinical exams (OSCEs), and leadership in assessment and effective teaching strategies. She is the Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Council for the Florida Society of Health-System

Pharmacists (FSHP) and has published in the areas of diabetes management, hyperlipidemia, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

## 20th Annual STUEY Awards



The college was well represented at this year's Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYS) which recognizes students, faculty, staff, corporate partners and alumni who have contributed to building a greater sense of community and campus life. Congratulations to the COP finalists and winners.

- Alumni of the Year  
Armando Bardisa, Pharm.D., ('97)
- Administrator of the Year  
Jolanta M. Czerwinska, Ph.D., Director, Educational Information Technology, Fort Lauderdale/Davie
- Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year (Winner)  
Genevieve Hale, Pharm.D. ('13), assistant professor, pharmacy practice, Palm Beach
- Cooperate Partner of the Year (Winner)  
Brand Institute
- Executive of the Year  
Blanca Ortiz, Pharm.D., ('03) assistant dean, Puerto Rico Regional Campus
- Graduate Organization of the Year  
American Pharmacist Association Academy of Student Pharmacists APhA-ASP
- Professor of the Year  
Jean Latimer, Ph.D., Director, AutoNation Institute for Breast & Solid Tumor Cancer Research, Fort Lauderdale/Davie
- Regional Campus Student of the Year  
Renee Rampersad, ('19), Palm Beach
- Staff of the Year  
Melissa Goldstein, executive assistant to the dean, Fort Lauderdale/Davie
- Student of the Year

- Katie A. McCrink ('18), Fort Lauderdale/Davie  
 Student Government of the Year  
 College of Pharmacy Student Government Association

## IPPE and APPE Preceptors of the Year, 2018

The Preceptor of the Year Award recognizes four preceptors whose dedication to excellence and their exceptional contributions to the growth and development of future pharmacists at NSU COP.

The four awardees for 2018 are:

- IPPE Health Systems/Pharmacy Services Preceptor of the Year: Shonna Loudis, Pharm.D., Plantation General Hospital, FL
- IPPE Community Pharmacy: Mariela Guzman, Pharm.D. ('07), CVS #554, Miami, FL
- APPE: – Heidi Clarke, Pharm.D. ('01) Baptist Hospital, Miami, FL
- APPE Faculty Preceptor: Andrea Levin, Pharm.D. ('09), assistant professor of pharmacy practice, Fort Lauderdale/Davie, FL

## College Recognizes *Living the Values* Nominees

The Living the Values program recognizes employees who are living one of NSU's eight core values.

Month of February – DIVERSITY



Dawn DaCosta, M.A., director, academic support services, Fort Lauderdale/Davie, implemented the colleges "Diversity Dialogs" where, each semester a panel of students discuss sensitive issues that impact on us all including ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, stereotypes, prejudices, and have interactive exchanges with the audience. Ms. DaCosta recognizes the need to expose pharmacy students to the diversity that exists within our college and community and to learn from, and develop, a healthy respect for one another.

Month of March – INTEGRITY



Marie St. Hubert, Financial Analyst III, demonstrates the value of integrity in every action she takes in her position as the college's Financial Analyst. Her attention to detail and her application of NSU policies, processes, and values with fairness and honesty is seen in every financial transaction.

Month of April – COMMUNITY



Since starting at NSU in 2004, Lourdes Laboy, administrative coordinator II, has displayed the value of community. Ms. Laboy has a heart for service, and goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She provides support to several departments in the college in addition to service to the community and teaching children at her local church. Laboy has received recognition for her unconditional and outstanding support of the Post-Bac Program in 2010, as well as the "TRIO Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Student Support Services Distinguished Alumni Award."

Month of May – ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Ronnie Espinoza, Administrative/Academic Coordinator, routinely supports faculty and students inside and outside of the classroom. He has taken it upon himself to learn the ins and outs of ExamSoft, becoming the support person for the faculty and students during exams. Ronnie is an efficient problem solver, capable of solving most



issues during exams, decreasing stress and maximizing time. At graduation each year, Ronnie reviews the student's records to ensure graduation requirements are met. Ronnie's behavior helps guide our students to ensure a positive academic experience and his work helps ensure that our students study in an environment of academic excellence.

#### Month of June – STUDENT CENTERED



Recently, a COP student who was stressed with a personal issue visited the administrative offices. When the student arrived, Ms. Jessica Duran Carrasquillo knew how to handle the situation effectively and appropriately. With patience and kindness, she helped the student through a tough situation and provided words of wisdom, encouragement, and motivation. Ms. Duran provided the student with enough confidence and support to achieve academic success and professional development. Although Ms. Duran is only partially assigned to the Student Services Department, she has demonstrated the values of "Student Centered" as she provides a positive attitude and reassurance to all COP students, both old and new, who cross her path.

### Futures Summit Showcases Opportunities in the Profession



NSU College of Pharmacy hosted the 2018 FUTURES SUMMIT on March 29, 2018. This event provided the pharmacy candidates with a glimpse of the profession and the future role of the pharmacist. From new clinical breakthroughs to advancements in technology, pharmacists hold positions that bring great value to the health care system. It is vital for our future professionals to understand the entire spectrum of

positions pharmacists hold.

### Welcome New Faculty and Staff



Patricia Medina, B.S., Pharm.D ('16), joined us as a Clinical Assistant Professor at San Juan Regional Campus. Her responsibilities include academia and collaboration with a practice site. Prior to joining NSU COP, Patricia completed a PGY1 residency program at Boca Raton Regional Hospital in Florida.



Jessenia Cortez, Administrative Coordinator I, joined the Office of Student Affairs in Fort Lauderdale/Davie in February. Ms. Cortez will provide administrative support for activities and student events and recruitment.

Jessica Nicoli, Administrative Coordinator I, joined the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Fort Lauderdale/Davie in June.



## Faculty Promotions



Jose A. Rey, Pharm.D.  
Professor



Elizabeth Sherman, Pharm.D., AAHIVP  
Associate Professor



William R. Wolowich, Pharm.D.  
Associate Professor

## STUDENT PRIDE

### Residency Matches 2018



The college is celebrating a residency match rate of 62% (a 12% increase from 2017), and above the national match rate of 54.8%. Congratulations to all the students who matched and will continue their professional training in a variety of areas and regions from Arizona to Washington State. The majority of the students are leaving the south Florida and San Juan areas to continue training and, with many heading out of state.

### Student Poster Receives Bronze Ribbon at AMCP



Ngo, Dung Vuong, Linh Dang, and Class of 2018

Pharm.D. students in the Sociobehavioral and Administrative Pharmacy research elective class, mentored by Leanne Lai, Ph.D., professor, received the Bronze ribbon for their abstract poster *"Drug-Drug Interactions (DDI) in Children with Depression"* at the AMCP Annual Meeting 2018 Poster presentation. The study aims to examine the prevalence and trend of potential DDI when prescribing to children with depression in U.S. outpatient settings. Student co-authors included Class of 2019 students Yailin Jo, Vy Ngo, Dung Vuong, Linh Dang, and Class of 2018 student Wenhui Zhou.

## Scholarship & Fellowship Recipients



Kayla Hale, ('19) was the recipient of the Florida Pharmacy Association 2018 Volusia-Flagler Country Pharmacy Association Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship assists a student who resides in Volusia or Flagler Counties for outstanding academic achievement, contributions through volunteer work, and participation in professional or student organizations. Kayla is also a Dean's Ambassador in the college.



Matthew Schrier, Ph.D.c., was selected by the Board of Grants and the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Board of Directors as a recipient of the Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The scholarship supports high performing students who possess the skill and aptitude to become outstanding scientists and leaders in the pharmaceutical industry, academia, and the government/nonprofit sectors. Schrier was selected from a highly selective pool of applicants, for his research focused on cellular regulation of vitamin B12 processing, particularly in neuronal cells and glioblastoma tumor cells, with faculty mentor Richard Deth, Ph.D., professor of pharmaceutical sciences.

## Ethics Bowl Team in Top 3 Overall



The College of Pharmacy Ethics Bowl team placed third in this year's HPD Ethics Bowl. The inter professional event sponsored by the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences and the Multicultural Affairs Committee provides students with health care related ethical dilemmas and challenges the ethical reasoning of the health care professional. Our students showed strong patient-centered views and professionalism during the debates and represented the college well.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Leadership Conference

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Leadership Conference hosted by Cardinal Health offered 38 leader students around the United States chosen by their respective pharmacy schools to spend three days in Houston at



the Cardinal Health' offices. Michael D. Brown, PharmBS, Vice President of Cardinal Health offered an overview of the company and their impact within the field of pharmacy and the importance to educate the patient about compliance. One of the students selected was our very own Stephanie Toledo Ramírez, MLS ('19)

of the Puerto Rico Campus. She recalls her time at the conference and states, "The time spent in this conference was valuable and will be very helpful as I incorporate it in practice in my life and to share with other people. I had the opportunity to network with my peers that became an extended family in my life. The cardinal health staff treated us as a family with so much caring and I am very grateful to them."

## ALUMNI PRIDE

### Alumni News

1990 - 2000

- Richard Ashworth, Pharm.D. ('99), President of Operations of Walgreen Co., was elected NACDS treasurer

2001-2010

- Puneet Kulhari, Pharm.D. ('10) started as pharmacist at CVS Health in Hollywood, FL
- Elizabeth Sherman, Pharm.D. ('07) welcomed son Ari on April 8, 2018

2011-2018

- Johanna Rivera Anazagasty, Pharm.D. ('14) is the Chief Program Officer at Puerto Rico Rise Up, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of health care professionals throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, and launched in response to the catastrophe left by Hurricane Maria
- Isabel (Olivas) Houlzet, Pharm.D. ('14) started as Clinical Oncology Specialist at Memorial Healthcare System, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Danielle Lerch, Pharm.D. ('16) was promoted to Deputy Director, Regional Medical Strategy at Sanofi Pasteur, Greater New York City Area
- Hoda Masmouei, Pharm.D. ('14) was promoted to Director of Pharmacy at Jackson South Medical Center, FL
- Srinath Muppalaneni, Ph.D. ('16) got married to Prathyusha Gundapaneni in Hyderabad, India on February 18, 2018
- Israel Santiago, Pharm.D. ('14) started as Pharmacy Manager Emerging Leader at CVS Health, Tampa, FL
- Fabio Vogel, Pharm.D. ('11) was promoted to Clinical Coordinator of System Formulary at Broward Health, Fort Lauderdale, FL

### Realizing Potential

Congratulations to Elizabeth Shepherd, Pharm.D., Assistant Dean, Strategic Partnerships and Program Development, Scott Kjelson, Pharm.D. ('14), Director of Student Transitions, and Jean Latimer, Ph.D., Director, AutoNation Institute & Breast and Solid Tumor Cancer Research for being recognized for their valuable contribution to the NSU Realizing Potential Campaign. Way to go!



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REALIZING POTENTIAL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- September 15–16 – Continuing Education – Initial Consultant Pharmacist License – Recertification for Consultant Pharmacist and alumni lunch/social at the NSU Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. For more information and to register [click here](#)
- November 3–4 – Continuing Education – Fall Classic and alumni lunch/social at the NSU Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. For more information and to register [click here](#)
- December 2–6 – ASHP 2018 Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in Anaheim, CA.



[Alumni Calendar of Events](#)



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