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Never forget: Veterans Resource Center hosts 9/11 Remembrance

By Bryce Johnson

The Veterans Resource Center will host 9/11 Day of Remembrance at the Armed Forces Service Plaza on Sept. 11, from 9 to 10 a.m. During the event, the VRC will examine the impact of 9/11 in professional fields throughout the last 22 years.

Nicholas Swansburg, Army veteran, as well as coordinator and graduate assistant of the VRC, said the event was also held in 2021 for the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

“It was pretty massive. It was live streamed. There were a lot of community partnerships on that one. We had first responders from New York that came and talked about their reaction to being there the day of,” Swansburg said.

The idea for the VRC came from Kimberly Durham, dean of the College of Education and School of Criminal Justice, and Brad Williams, senior vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.



COURTESY OF VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER
President Hanbury shakes hands with cadets at the ROTC and HPSP's first annual Joint Commissioning Ceremony.

They recognized NSU's growing veteran population and gathered funds to create a space for them in 2016.

When the VRC opened in 2018, Matthew Chenworth, Marine veteran and senior director of Military Affairs, was the center's first director. The VRC used to be in the Rosenthal Student Center and has since moved to room 1045 in the Carl DeSantis building

“We've gone from just having a space on campus that was able to host our veteran students to opening it up and drawing a larger circle, a bigger umbrella, to make sure that we're serving our veterans, military-connected students, ROTC, but also connecting with the community and our on campus partners as well,” Chenworth said.

The VRC's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, the hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Carl DeSantis building to welcome new trading floor

By Alexandra Acevedo and Ronald Martinez

Next year, NSU will welcome the addition of a new trading floor in the Carl DeSantis atrium. The open-ceiling glass structure will house a computer lab and conference room with access to a board of accredited advisers.

Students, especially business majors, can expect a space where they will be guided by a board of expert advisers to trade securities, or financial assets, such as stocks.

Construction is expected to continue until winter semester of next year. However, the first set of trades took place last winter semester.

After a year of design and approval planning, the project's funding was provided by a \$5-million donation by the Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation, an independent non-profit that regularly donates to higher education institutions. Half will be used for construction of the new floor while the other half will go into an endowment, or donation, to support student activities related to the Student Management Investment Fund and investment classes.

The new space will allow students to get real-world experience in pitching investments.

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NSU Athletics Department launches student loyalty app

By Ronald Martinez and Johnathan Day

The NSU Department of Athletics has recently released a new application named Razor's Rewards. The app will allow students to earn points for attending NSU sports events and get rewards for hitting milestones.

The department hopes it will incentivize students to come out and support NSU's sports teams.

“We just really wanted to develop a student loyalty program that would reward fans for going and encourage them to come,” said Kacie John, director of Revenue and Business Development.

The app began development in June of this year and was worked on during summer in conjunction with FanMaker, a company dedicated to the production of sports-related loyalty programs, fan engagement tools, and apps for sports teams. Apart from minor issues with graphics, the app's development has been smooth.

The app utilizes a tier system, spelling out "RAZOR." Each tier has a set number of points. Reaching a tier means getting a reward. Each kind of game corresponds to a certain number of points, with postseason games awarding the max number of points— 250.

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Letter from the editor

Dear Readers,

Hello! Thank you for reading The Current, NSU's student-run newspaper. I'm Bryce, The Current's editor-in-chief, and I hope you enjoy reading the latest issue of Volume 34.

Now that we're a few weeks into the semester, hopefully you're well adjusted to your new schedules. If you need to take a break in between classes, you can find the Pawsitivity club and photos from this year's Sharkapalooza in this issue. You can even play through the games section with your friends.

To learn about what's been happening so far, take a look through the paper. We're exploring several of the latest NSU topics this issue, including "Bridgerton" author Julia Quinn coming to campus, Chick-Fil-A being added as a dining option and the new Razor's Rewards Student Loyalty Program.

There are some exciting additions to The Current this issue! We're adding a math section to The Current's Corner, and if you answer the most questions correct per issue, you can earn a \$50 gift card. For more information, check out the math section in the back of the paper.

There are also new interviews from Mako Radio. The first one is with Christopher Kessenich, the lead singer of Arts Fishing Club. If you're a fan of indie music, be sure to find the interview in our music



PHOTO BY CHLOE ROUSSEAU
Bryce Johnson,
Editor-in-Chief of The Current.

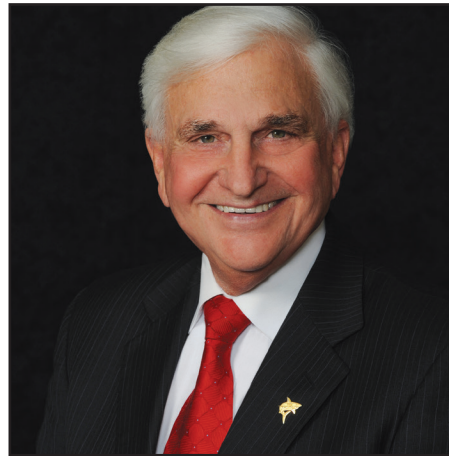
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The Current's team worked hard to bring this issue to life, and we greatly appreciate you picking it up.

Happy reading,
Bryce Johnson

Unlocking the possibilities during your journey at NSU



By President George L.
Hanbury II

All the new and returning Sharks joining us in the Shark Nation are beginning an exciting journey with a world of possibilities to passionately explore.

Part of that journey, of course, is academics. Whether you have a major in mind or not, be open to all options and explore other disciplines, or take some electives in subjects outside of your major— it may change your course. I know your studies will keep you busy, but I'd also encourage you to diversify your experience by participating in other activities – in other words, have some fun!

NSU has many student clubs and organizations, including The

President's 64, Honors Societies, Greek life, Student Government, Club Sports, Intramural Sports, the RecPlex, medical and health care missions, community activities and much more. Or, for those of you at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, take a therapeutic stroll through NSU's Healing and Medicinal Garden.

NSU's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is an invaluable resource to all Sharks, regardless of location. In addition to checking out books, you can take advantage of the Write from the Start Writing and Communication Center, visit the Craig and Barbara Weiner Holocaust Remembrance and Reflection Museum, or see the latest exhibit at the Cotilla Gallery. If you want to enjoy even more art, Gallery 217 at the Don Taft University Center features regular exhibits from our talented student artists. And, of course, all Sharks are automatically members of the NSU Art Museum | Fort Lauderdale.

Your journey at NSU is yours to chart – enjoy!

George L. Hanbury II is president and CEO of Nova Southeastern University.

FROM THE FRONT

VETERANS

Sandra Wendland, Army veteran and director of Military Affairs, encourages students to stop by, whether it's to learn more about veterans or to use the space to relax during classes.

"We work a lot with helping military-connected and veteran students kind of transition into college life to make sure that they're aware of their veterans benefits, education benefits, helping them to find out about different workshops and programmings that we have here," Wendland said. "Just kind of giving them a home away from home so that they're able to feel comfortable and to be able to connect with other, other like-minded students."

For Esmee Ramos, Air Force veteran and senior coordinator of the VRC, the best thing about it is building a community with fellow veterans.

"My favorite part is just interacting with the students that come here. As a veteran myself, we've all come from different walks of life, so it's like new experiences, new people, relating with fellow veterans," Ramos said. "It just provides such a comfortable space that I can be



COURTESY OF VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER
The VRC office tables at their ROTC and HPSP's first annual Joint Commissioning Ceremony.

myself around."

The VRC also helps students with financial aid resources, including the Health Professions Scholarship Program, Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarships and the Terry and Nancy Malarkey scholarship.

Chenworth highlighted the Yellow Ribbon Program, where NSU provides \$8,500, and the Department of Veterans Affairs will match it for a total of an additional \$17,000.

"I do a lot of benchmarking of other university programs and I have not found one university that provides more additional money toward our students than what NSU does," Chenworth said.

Additional upcoming VRC events include Veterans Family Fun Day and the Inaugural Golf Classic, which happen during Veterans Week in November. Students can also attend several workshops the VRC hosts, regardless of their

military status.

"We provide [Green Zone Training] with student organizations here and also our staff members around the university to be able to connect military staff members and personnel here and students with civilians, just so that everyone can kind of learn about each other and get to know each other," Wendland said.

If students are not connected with the military, they are still encouraged to visit the center and apply for a position on JobX.

"We are very welcoming and inclusive of everyone. We want to make sure that we are a nice landing pad where anyone will feel comfortable to come and utilize our computers, utilize our printers," Wendland said. "Come visit anytime."

For more information:

Contact the VRC at
954-262-3524 or
VRC@nova.edu.

How students can support women's equality

By Angeline Gilliard

NSU supports gender equality through the American Association of University Women, which has a student club and professional branch.

Randi Sims, professor of management and president of NSU's AAUW branch, said all NSU students are eligible for a free national membership that offers scholarships and workshops students can take online.

"AAUW is a national organization that was founded in 1881, and its mission is to promote gender equity for women and girls through education, advocacy and research," Sims said.

The AAUW gets involved with other diversity programs on campus, like the Student Leadership Office, to spread awareness on gender equality.

Sims suggests students become more engaged with their community to stay up-to-date with

women's equality.

"There are a lot of things happening in laws and in politics and in the business world that really impact the rights and equity treatment of women. A lot of times people just don't know about it. They don't know what's happening," Sims said.

To become more involved, students can engage with other NSU groups that support women.

For more information:

American Association of University Women can be found on its website, <https://nsu-fl.aauw.net/> and on SharkHub.

FROM THE FRONT

DESANTIS

"Any time students can get real-world experience, it enhances the quality of their education," said Dean Andrew Rosman of the Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship. "They get to put to practical use things they learn in the classroom."

Business students will need to present their research on a particular security to the panel of advisers, who will then discuss it with the student. Participants must justify their reasoning to the panel to proceed with their recommendation. The decision ultimately lies with the faculty on whether a security can be traded, bought or sold.

Furthermore, students must follow a set criterion established by an Investment Portfolio Strategy (IPS) created by the board before presenting their plan. If students do not adhere to the IPS, the student's

suggestion will not be considered.

Students must also take into consideration environmental, social and governance risks for securities, which businesspeople consider when deciding what to invest in. Environmental risks involve world impact, such as energy usage. Social risks consider how a company treats workers and buyers. Governance risks revolves around ethical concerns and executive pay.

All non-business majors, can also take advantage of this space after taking the standalone course FIN2020 (Introduction to Stock Market and Sustainability).

Many students are excited about this new addition.

"I've seen other universities have this, so us getting it now is a big jump," said Elvis Lejlic, junior business major. "I just wish we had this earlier, so I had time to get more

into it."

Students will receive their own endowment from NSU of \$100,000 to use for trades. As detailed in the Student Investment Fund's charter, the college expects that the income generated from the students' endowments will be able to be reinvested into more trades. If the income becomes substantial enough, it may also be turned back to students in the form of scholarships.

Some students, however, are concerned about how the money will be handled.

"It's definitely a risk. If the students can make money out of it, then yes, but we'll have to see what happens," said Alec Frohn, senior business major. "If a bunch of business students just go in and somehow fail cataclysmically, how does that affect the school?"

The building where the trading floor will live is named after Carl A. DeSantis, who has passed away recently on August 10, 2023. An entrepreneur with a history of philanthropy in the South Florida community, Carl DeSantis donated \$2 million in 2000 toward the construction of the building where the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business was to be housed, renamed the H. Wayne Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship at the time. His donation brought the school to \$9 million for the construction, roughly two-thirds of the total price of building and equipping the school.

Shark Speak: What brought you to NSU?



"Well, my brother used to go to school here, and I visited a lot, so I think the weather was a big portion of why I wanted to come here, but also the school campus is just really pretty," said Alina Andrews, freshman biology major.



"I did a search through a program at my school for a good school in Florida for my major, and this was like, the first one to come up. I toured this one first, and just kinda immediately knew that this was gonna be for me," said Isabella Hamilton, freshman law major.



"I was searching for colleges very lost. I saw it on YouTube-- a girl, she goes to NSU-- and when I saw it, I absolutely fell in love with the campus. So that was what first brought me, and I'm also from the Bahamas so it's very close," said Deshan Ferguson, freshman biology major.



"It was the direct med program that I got into, I interviewed for it. And then of course, the weather and everything are added bonuses. It just seems really nice here, the environment and everything. I love it here so far," said Pearly Trivedi, freshman biology major.

PHOTOS BY RYLEE ROE-LIPSKY

How NSU students can study abroad

By Cassandra Stevens

For Destiny Nicholson, senior political science major, studying abroad for a semester in Florence, Italy, made an impressive impact. She said it changed her as a person, taught her about problem-solving, and even changed her view of the world.

"You meet so many people, you learn how to communicate across cultures and languages. It definitely teaches you to be more considerate and open-minded, and I think that definitely came back with me," Nicholson said.

NSU's partners, such as Knowledge Exchange Institute and Semester at Sea, give students the opportunity to study abroad. The advisers at the Office of International Affairs guide students through the process. The office offers study abroad information sessions during the week and UNIV 1000 classes to help inform students about their options.

"When you come in as a freshman, you typically have open elective credits, and if you decide you want to study abroad, you can save those open electives for future years in college and you can take fun classes abroad," Nicholson said.

Once a student expresses interest in going abroad, the adviser will recommend attending an information session at the Office of International Affairs. Then, when students decide to study abroad, they schedule advising sessions through the NSU International Office website and start brainstorming the best location fit.

Alexandra Coleman, senior criminal justice major and study abroad adviser, studied abroad in 2022.

"I went to South Korea in the

winter 2022 semester. I loved it. I miss it a lot. It definitely encouraged me to be more independent," Coleman said. "I liked it so much that I'm going back. You come back here, and it's like you are missing a chunk of your heart."

Once students choose their location, they explore the classes offered at their chosen university. Classes often transfer back as elective credits. The students make a list of their favorite classes and then visit their CAPS adviser to see which ones can be approved for transfer-back credit.

"We make sure the credits will transfer back to their degree before they leave, so that when they come back, nothing is messed up on their schedules. We try to get all degree-applicable classes," Coleman said.

If students extend their abroad trip to a semester after the summer term, they would need to become a full-time student at the university attended and have degree-applicable credit.

For financial aid, Coleman said that programs have specific scholarships for which students can apply.

"If you do a semester-long program or longer than that, you are eligible to use your FAFSA abroad," Coleman said. "If you're a Pell Grant recipient, there's a lot of external scholarship opportunities."

There are also scholarships available on the needs-based side, in addition to academic-based scholarships, as well as ones for specific personal criteria.

"We have one scholarship that we allow anybody to apply for called the Stolzenberg-Doan. It awards up to \$500," Coleman said. "Then there's also supplemental funding

from the Honors College if you want reimbursement if you're an honors student."

After all this, students apply to NSU for approval of their selected program. The advisers warn that the due dates for NSU approval come fast and students have to get permission before they can move ahead to apply to their specific program. Once they do, they are put in

a Canvas course to get their documents in order, such as their passports and visas.

For more information:

<https://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/index.html>



COURTESY OF CASSIDY CAMPANELLA

Cassidy Campanella, now NSU alum, explores Bologna, Italy.



COURTESY OF PAWSITIVITY
NSU students sit in the Library Quad petting dogs at Yappy Hour with CAT.

Pawsitivity: More than a dog club

By Brielle Aguayo

With more than 100 clubs at NSU, there are tons of opportunities for students to get involved on campus. Pawsitivity is a mental health dog club that was founded in 2019 and has left its paw print on campus.

Christina Tamchin, senior psychology major, is the president of Pawsitivity.

"My goal for Pawsitivity is to really make sure that we're really enforcing the idea that we are a mental health awareness club," Tamchin said. "A lot of people on campus really know us for bringing the dogs to campus, but they always seem to miss the fact that we are a mental health club and that they're here for mental health awareness, too."

Pawsitivity organizes events with dogs that releases stress and creates a fun environment while also maintaining the message that mental health matters.

"My favorite events are our Mental Health Mondays where we come together and relax with an activity that is calm and relaxing," Rylee Roe-Lipsky, sophomore exceptional student education major, said.

In addition to Mental Health Mondays, which consist of activities like making DIY stress balls with balloons, vision board making and origami, the club has developed a self-care panel with National Alliance for Mental Illness.

"We also do the NAMI self-care panels, where members can send questions anonymously to a

panelist from NAMI, and they will basically just talk to us about how to cope with the different stressors of being a college student and overall just the stressors of life and giving students coping strategies and different things that they can do to help themselves in times of stress," Tamchin said.

In the past, the club also volunteered at Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Center, an animal shelter, where it was able to give back to the local community.

Volunteering and service help the club stay motivated, as it believes giving back is therapeutic for the members' own mental health, a priority for the club's president.

"I'm a psychology major, so obviously I do care about my mental health and other people's mental health as well," Tamchin said.

Pawsitivity's members strive to implement their message of the importance of one's mental health, their love for dogs unites their club and brings light to a difficult topic.

"I joined Pawsitivity my freshman year, and the more I learned about it, the more I liked the mental health aspect," Tamchin said. "I think Pawsitivity just has a great message and a great mission. It was started for a really good reason to help advocate for students and help them with their mental health, especially because college is such a big transition."



COURTESY OF PAWSITIVITY
NSU students give therapy dog Rosie, from Canine Assisted Therapy, affection at Yappy Hour.



For more information:

You can follow Pawsitivity's Instagram:
[@pawsitivity_nsu](https://www.instagram.com/pawsitivity_nsu)

Sharkapalooza

NSU hosted its annual Sharkapalooza event on Aug. 25. Students learned about clubs and watched performances by Shark Gold, Pressure Dance and more.



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
NSU's dance club Bhangra performs at Sharkapalooza 2023.

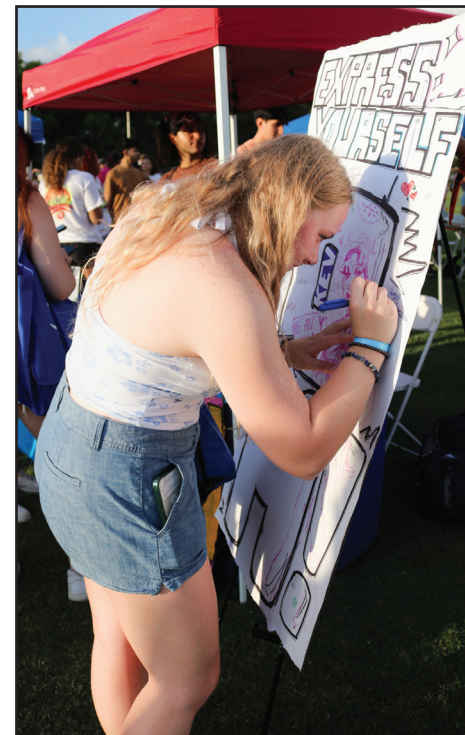


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Hannah Helgerson, sophomore entrepreneurship major, participates in OH fashion club's creative board.



PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER
Princess Cabusao, freshman finance major, and Nayeon Kim, freshman biology major, express interest in the Anesthesiology club.



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
Shark Gold members perform "Boogie Shoes" at Sharkapalooza 2023.



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
Members from NSU's cheer club dance alongside other students at Sharkapalooza 2023.

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COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
NSU students pose with Razor at Sharkapalooza.



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. performs at Sharkapalooza



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
NSU's Indian Student Association showcases its table at Sharkapalooza.



PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER
Pavan Patel, sophomore exercise and sports science major, saves the ball in spikeball.



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON
NSU's dance team Pressure performs at Sharkapalooza.

FOOD



PHOTO BY DANNA BERTEL

NSU students line up to grab a bowl from Qdoba during the lunch hour.

New dining options at NSU

By Danna Bertel

This semester, Shark Dining has introduced Qdoba and Sambazon on campus, offering students new dining options to choose from at Razor Reef.

Qdoba brings a Mexican flavor with customizable bowls and burritos offering a variety of toppings, such as guacamole, corn, beans, and fajitas, as well as the protein of choice. The menu additionally provides loaded quesadillas, cheese nachos and salad.

"A bold decision to bring such a bold Mexican flavor and we're extremely happy with it," said Mike Alkurdi, resident district manager. "We were looking to add it a while ago based on student surveys, students feedback, and students' opinions and we've decided to bring it in and test it."

Eduardo Mercado, freshman sports medicine major, has especially enjoyed eating at Qdoba.

"I've eaten the most at Qdoba. I like it. I got the steak bowl with brown rice, black beans, corn and

lettuce," Mercado said.

The Sambazon menu offers açai bowls with different flavors and toppings ranging from granola to banana and mango. Smoothies and beverages are also served. The açai served by Sambazon is organic with a fair trade certification.

HyungKyu Kim, freshman biology major, visits Sambazon at least once a day to enjoy light and healthy food.

"I like it because, sometimes, I don't feel like eating heavy stuff," Kim said. "So I like to eat it with my

friends, for brunch or sometimes as a snack after you go to the gym."

Shark Dining also offers Sushi Maki, Ciao Bella and College Ave. Subs.

Alkurdi said all options are based on students' preferences. He expects Shark Dining to make even more additions and improvements.

"Shark Dining is really going into a new phase," Alkurdi said. "We're excited to see the results of business and we look forward to hearing more feedback."

Chick-fil-A to come to campus

By Danna Bertel and Elizabeth Franklin

NSU will soon welcome Chick-fil-A, expected to arrive next semester, to the University Center.

"Chick-fil-A has been the No. 1 requested food venue in all of the student surveys that we've done historically," said Mike Alkurdi, resident district manager. "Chick-fil-A is the No. 1. national brand in the nation right now, so it brings in a very exciting product. It has a high volume of popularity behind it."

The Chick-fil-A will operate in the kitchen space of Flight Deck, an on-campus restaurant. Flight Deck's menu offered pub-style food, such as burgers, sandwiches and onion rings, which will no longer be available.

Although Chick-fil-A is not yet operating, the sitting area of the space is still open for students.

"The kitchen and the product being served will be Chick-fil-A. You won't feel the impact from the

front end of it in terms of space, seating, furniture, the TV and events," Alkurdi said.

Shark Dining has received positive feedback on its social media from students regarding Chick-fil-A being available on campus. On Shark Dining's post announcing the news, there were almost 900 likes and 100 comments.

Jenifer Brinkman, associate director of dining services, also said the Instagram direct messages were flooded by excited students.

"We want the students' voices to be heard, and this is pretty much what Chick-fil-A is," Brinkman said. "You continuously asked for Chick-fil-A to come on campus and it's not something easy to bring on but we did it."

Students such as Karla Encarnacion, senior English major, are optimistic about the addition.

"I think it's good to have several options that differ from the food services that are offered in the cafeteria," Encarnacion said. "I think Chick-fil-A is probably going to

have the most clients because of the popularity around it. In general, it's a good way to expand the services provided."

Yet, other students like Kaleigh Nasser, sophomore English major, are not as excited about the addition.

"I personally think that Chick-fil-A isn't what I would have added, but it's probably going to do really well with the other students," Nasser said. "I actually wouldn't switch Flight Deck for Chick-fil-A because I like the Flight Deck better."

Neither would Eric Mason, Mako Media's digital faculty adviser and associate professor in the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences. He said he does not endorse Chick-fil-A at NSU.

"Chick-fil-A has a history of working against LGBTQ rights, supporting groups that do conversion therapy, and I think as a consumer, we should always be aware of the kind of ethical dimension of products that we buy," Mason said. "While

the university can decide to have Chick-fil-A, it's not a company I will ever patronize."

The Chick-fil-A will not be open on Sundays. But the seating area will open for the students. Also, alcohol will not be served inside, as it was at Flight Deck, but in the outside bar seating area.

Alkurdi said any changes in Shark Dining take into consideration students' opinions through surveys and voting.

"I need them [students] to reach out to Shark Dining to work out around their needs, and, if it is sensitive, one-on-one with Shark Dining is the way to go," Alkurdi said.

For more information:

Contact Shark Dining at
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 or
 954-262-5306.

Flesh-eating bacteria in Florida waters

By Adam Sadik and Paul Paronich

With hurricane season in effect, there is an unsuspecting threat to be weary of that can make the season even more dangerous.

This threat is a bacterium named *Vibrio vulnificus*, and when contracted can lead to serious health problems

Adhvik Saravanan, sophomore neuroscience and biology major, has been paying close attention to the outbreak.

"I've talked about it with a few people. People from my home-state, Connecticut, have contracted and died from it so I have been paying more close attention," Saravanan said.

This bacterium can be contracted through open flesh wounds, which

encounter brackish seawater, or the consumption of raw shellfish, predominantly oysters.

Healthy individuals typically experience mild symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea and infection of surrounding tissue. Individuals with weakened immune systems should be more cautious as it can be a serious concern, especially if the bacteria gain access to the bloodstream (sepsis).

"Infection is through skin lesions. That's basically it's kind of opportunistic and random. Also, the people who suffer the most are those that might be immunocompromised and elderly," said Jose Victor Lopez, NSU faculty and microbiology professor with research through multidisciplinary laboratory collaborations. "You pretty much get tissue necrosis.

The tissue just starts being degraded. This is due to inflammation, and the body has lost control of the reproduction of the bacteria."

Manas Peddiboyina, senior public health major, is worried about the outbreak.

"I saw a story in North Florida where someone got infected while underwater. Other than that, I don't know too much. Honestly, it's worrying," Peddiboyina said.

Ways to avoid infection include not consuming raw shellfish and oysters, ensuring they were cooked adequately and avoiding exposure of open wounds to warm salt water.

Intensifying temperatures due to climate change are only making this problem worse, which acts like an incubator to breed more of these bacteria.

"We have just had this very hot summer, and sea temperatures are rising. Some of the temperatures are over 100 degrees, which is like a hot tub. So that's got to be affecting the bacterial populations. But you have these huge changes in seawater temperature. That's kind of what our lab studies are. We look at the communities of bacteria, not just one species because they're interacting. If you take a milliliter of sea water, there's millions of bacteria in that seawater and hundreds of species," Lopez said. "It's not surprising that you're going to have some deaths."

There has been a total of 74 cases and 17 deaths in 2022, most of them coming after major Hurricane Ian flooded numerous communities, according to WESH Orlando News.

NSU's Anxiety Treatment Center provides therapeutic services

By Bryce Johnson

The Anxiety Treatment Center is one of 15 specialty clinics within the Psychology Services Center at NSU. The ATC is available to anyone in South Florida, including students and veterans, so long as they are 18 or older.

Kayla Thayer, board-certified licensed clinical psychologist and full-time faculty member in the College of Psychology, directs the ATC and supervises its graduate coordinators.

"What we do is provide therapeutic services, so really thorough diagnostic assessments, as well as evidence-based treatments that have been shown to be effective through research," Thayer said. "We provide those for folks with a variety of presenting problems, [such as] anxiety, depression, sleep, sometimes substance issues, OCD, trauma."

In the ATC, clients can have as many sessions as they feel necessary. Graduate students work with their clients to develop individualized strategies, and the clients tell them areas of their lives they want to work on.

Because anxiety can be so complex, Ana Violante, graduate coordinator at the ATC and graduate student in the Clinical Psychology program, encourages people feeling anxious to come to the center.

"I think that every person presents differently, even if their main concern is depression or anxiety, that can look very different depending on the person," Violante said. "Seeking a professional is usually the best, because there's a lot of things in the internet that are actually contraindicated for treatments of anxiety."

By getting professional help in the ATC, students have more options to manage all forms of anxiety. No matter where the anxiety is stemming

from or how big it is, Thayer said the ATC helps clients identify and address it appropriately.

"One of the things that I really emphasize in the clinic is a collaborative-like teamwork approach," Thayer said. "We really take the time to ask, 'what do you want to work on? How do you want your life to be different?'"

Students can make an appointment by calling the PSC at 954-262-4100. Depending on the students' needs, they will be directed to one of the PSC's specialty clinics.

"With most clients, you might have that initial nervousness with beginning therapy, especially if it's your first time seeking treatment in your entire life," said Liya Mammo,

graduate coordinator in the ATC and graduate student in the Doctorate of Psychology program. "But in ATC, like in many of the programs in the PSC, we have pretty comprehensive evaluations or intakes in the beginning, where the client has time to build rapport with the therapist to gradually share more and more about their life and their history and their symptoms."

The ATC is housed in the Maltz Building and is typically open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the ATC closes at 9 p.m.

"We also offer telehealth, so video-type sessions," Thayer said. "That works well for folks that have transportation difficulties or busy

schedules."

For those outside of NSU's community, prices will vary depending on their current income. NSU students can get their fees waived by presenting an NSU ID.

"A lot of people find it really uncomfortable, the experience of feeling anxious. So they try to not feel it. They try to distract or think about other things, and yet that emotion is information," Thayer said. "That's why we have a whole center dedicated to it. A lot of times people feel really stuck, feeling like, 'I don't know how to manage this.' It's very overwhelming. And so it can be really helpful to bring these concerns to a center like ours where we can help you figure it out."



Kayla Thayer, director of the Anxiety Treatment Center, teaches the Assessment of Intelligence course. PHOTO BY ERIKA FOTI

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Revolution Live

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Julia Quinn and other authors coming to NSU

By Danna Bertel

On Sept. 10 from 3 - 5 p.m., the Alvin Sherman Library will present Julia Quinn, best-selling author of historical romance novels, such as the Bridgerton and Rokesby series, as a speaker at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

At the event, Quinn will discuss her latest book, "Queen Charlotte," and her career as an author, as well as have a Q&A segment with listeners.

"Quinn is one of our bigger authors that we're bringing in, a recognizable name for most people," said Jamie Goldman, associate university librarian for public services.

The Alvin Sherman Library will bring bringing in two other authors in October and November.

"Our second author talk is Chris Bertish, a professional speaker and big wave surfing Mavericks champion, Guinness World Record holder and author," Goldman said.

"Next is Lauren Groff, a three-time National Book Award finalist and a New York Times bestselling author. And she won the NSU Mako award last year for her book, 'Matrix.'"

The author talks are free and open to the public, but ticket reservation is required.

For more information:

Visit
lib.nova.edu/events.



PHOTO BY BRIELLE AGUAYO

Shark Gold sings "Boogie Shoes" at Sharkapalooza 2023.

Shark Gold: Passionate performers expand their team

By Danna Bertel

Molly Sullivan, senior health and wellness coaching major, first auditioned for the Sharing Talent Scholars program because she wanted the opportunity to focus on both arts and academics.

"I thought that I would have to give up the arts transitioning from high school into college, and Shark Talent gave me the opportunity to do both," Sullivan said. "When I was auditioning, they said I would be perfect for this program they were kick-starting this year called Shark Gold, and that's how it all happened."

As part of the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts and the Razor's Edge Shark Talent Scholars Program, Shark Gold is a group that performs songs from the 1950s through the 1980s. The group's objective is to build connections and nostalgia with the audience through classic hits.

As a performer, Sullivan strives to tell a story while connecting with her audience.

"One of the key things that I have always held close to my heart as a performer is telling a story and making that connection with the audience, and how you can communicate that, whether it's by changing how you sing a specific note, how you change your facial expressions, or your body movements," Sullivan said.

Being part of Shark Gold since her freshman year, Sullivan has now taken the responsibility of student manager. She is looking for students to showcase their dance and vocal talents.

"This year, I wanted to focus not only on singers, but dancers as well. We are taking people from all different majors and all different backgrounds," Sullivan said. "The goal with these auditions is to have a wall of sound and a wall of excellence — the bigger the numbers, the better."

Wanting the group to grow in size and performance quality, Brandon Ysibido, junior engineering major and Shark Gold member, said that adding dancers will be a great

addition to the shows.

"We want to be grander than we've ever been. We want to explore how we can use the stage to its best ability," Ysibido said. "We can sing, but at the end of the day, people don't want to come and just watch people standing on the stage singing. They want to see a spectacle, so that's what we're hoping to give."

Shark Gold has performed at the Celebration of Excellence, the STUEYs, and Sharkapalooza. The group plans to build a community by adding more talent to the stage.

"This year, I'd really like to see us grow and do more events for NSU and the student body. We want to make ourselves known. We want people to know the name Shark Gold," Ysibido said.

For more information:

Shark Gold visit
<https://www.nova.edu/razorsedge/sharktalent/sharkgold.html>.

MUSIC



COURTESY OF ARTS FISHING CLUB
Members of Arts Fishing Club sit down for a chat with Mako Radio.

Mako Radio interviews Arts Fishing Club

By Alex Hernández and Daja Long

Arts Fishing Club is an indie-folk band founded in 2016 by Christopher Kessenich, Peter Eddins, Jimi Greene, Matthew Stiffert and Brian Kempson. Originating from Wisconsin, the band traveled toward the south region, flourishing in Tennessee. The band has a versatile sound with a discography of four EPs, one live album and a new debut album, "Rothko Sky." Lead singer Kessenich sat down with Mako Radio to talk about music, his inspirations behind AFC, his creative process and the mesmerizing journey that brought him to the forefront of the music scene.

Alex Hernández:

How would you describe your music?

Chris Kessenich:

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mesmerizing journey that brought him to the forefront of the music scene.

Hernández:

You have a pretty neat name origin story. Can you please share it with us?

Kessenich:

So the first time I started playing music, I was playing with my cousin and both of us share a grandfather named Arthur, and my cousin was like, "Hey, we should call ourselves Arts Fishing Club," because the year before that, we had gone on this fishing trip with a bunch of my cousins and my grandfather. And we made these Arts Fishing Club T-shirts. I hated the name though, it was so dumb that no one would ever take us seriously. But I just loved the fact that it's a play on words to some degree. Music is so much like fishing where you're constantly just casting out into nothingness. Every time you write a song, you're just essentially casting another line, and sometimes most of the time it doesn't really land a fish or anything, but every now and again you do. And the more and more that you do it, the more and more fish you land and the better that you get at fishing if you kind of focus on it. You think, "Hey, I have to land a big fish today or I have to write a hit song." You're just not going to always be super happy with your day of fishing or your career in music.

Hernández:

Where did the album's name come from, and what is your favorite song from it?

Kessenich:

My favorite song is actually where the album name comes from, so that kind of works nicely. "Arizona" is the song, I love this song lyrically. The whole record is essentially a breakup album or it's a record kind of detailing my thought process through a very up-and-down relationship. That song specifically is kind of the moment of letting go to some degree and kind of acknowledging that this was my fault and pretty well messed it up and I genuinely wish you the best.

My ex's favorite painter is Mark Rothko, an incredible, incredible painter. She loved him, and there's a line in that song that says, "I hope you lay yourself down between a lover and a Rothko sky." So essentially, it's like I really want you to find yourself in between someone that you absolutely love and who adores you. And underneath, like nature, you know your favorite painter as the kind of the image and the landscape. I really love that song because I think it's just a long, slow build, and I'm a sucker for long slow builds.

Hernández:

How do you deal with the fatigue of the tour?

Kessenich:

Coming off this tour was the most tired I've ever been. I've started to learn now that if we're out for a while, I go through an almost clinical type of depression where I'm not sad, but my body is just tired. I have to essentially stay in bed or be up. Every single time, it messes with my head because then I get all nervous that I don't want to play guitar. I don't want to do anything and, it messes with my head that I've lost my passion for music.

But then I remembered that this year was the year when we did a full-on national tour. We played Bonnaroo, we just played a couple of other festivals, and we released a full-length record. And people are coming out and enjoying it, that's all that we can control.

Hernández:

What advice do you have for young creatives who are itching to play or create something?

Kessenich:

Start doing it. Put out as much stuff as you can, like just keep putting stuff out because you get better every single time. I think what holds back people most often is that they want their first song to blow up, but the reality is it might not! But keep creating.

FROM THE FRONT

ATHLETICS

Prizes can range from NSU key-chains to other merchandise, such as hats and sweatshirts, with a grand prize at the end of the year. The prize list is projected to be expanded soon.

The app also includes a story feature. Students can submit photos and videos taken at games to NSU Athletics through the app, and NSU Athletics can feature those photos and videos on the app's story and on the NSU Athletics' social media pages. Interested users can sign up to be featured in the app with their

name, NSU email, and affiliation with the school.

The Department of Athletics hopes the app will also create a larger sense of community among students and student athletes. NSU athletes are also encouraged to download the app and attend events for other sports teams on campus.

"We also want to make the games more of an experience rather than just games, so having this, pushing them to go to games, we're hoping for more of a camaraderie around

the games," John said.

Razor's Rewards gained 500 pre-release users, with these users set to receive a special prize upon the app's release. Any new users will automatically receive 200 points when they sign up within the app.

"I think [the app] is a good addition. Any encouragement to go and support sports and the fine arts and have a community come together is a good thing," Spencer Carlisle, senior theatre major, said.

Some students are not convinced

on how much benefit the app will bring.

"I don't think it's going to make a difference if the prize isn't anything crazy," said Derian Chavarria, junior mechanical engineering major. "I think it's a plus, but it won't motivate so much to go just for a sweatshirt."

The app is available for download on the App Store and the Google Play Store.

A revamp to rowing: Introducing Kim Chavers

By Bella Giaquinto

With a revamp to Nova Southeastern University women's rowing program, Kimberly Chavers brings new goals to the team as the new head coach. Chavers holds extensive rowing history and experience, previously coaching at universities such as Stetson, Indiana, Old Dominion and most recently, Michigan State. During Chavers' time as head coach for MSU, she successfully strengthened the rowing program post COVID-19 and received a top-four program ranking within the region.

Unlike typical athletes, Chavers' rowing career only began her freshman year at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. Chavers discovered her passion and natural talent for rowing after years of dissatisfaction while playing other sports such as soccer, softball and track.

"I attended one rowing practice in college and I fell in love," Chavers said.

Chavers successfully managed

to try out for the Marietta rowing team, despite being halfway into the current season. After making the team, Chavers' athleticism and love for the sport only grew during the four years she competed.

Chavers' completion of her undergraduate degree was followed by attending graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, where she received her doctorate of physical therapy. Throughout her time at Northeastern, Chavers was determined to squeeze rowing into her already tight academic schedule.

"I realized after my rowing career I had nothing to do but I still wanted to be involved with rowing," Chavers said. "I would coach in the morning before class and in the evenings after class."

After graduating from Northeastern, Chavers decided to move to Washington D.C. where she would pursue a career in physical therapy. Not long after moving, Chavers began helping a friend who coached at Bishop O'Connell

high school. Subsequently, Chavers' ability to successfully lead a team stood out and was offered the position as head coach for the school. From there, Chavers' coaching career officially began and she hasn't looked back.

This season, Chavers plans on utilizing her undeniable determination and passion to create a powerhouse of lady Sharks for the NSU women's rowing team.

"I love the idea of restarting the program and making it huge. It's a tremendous opportunity to be a part of the first recruiting class after the program has been reinstated," Chavers said.

If you would like to join coach Chavers in taking on new experiences and challenges throughout this rowing season, visit <https://nsusharks.com/sports/womens-rowing> to complete an interest form and prospective student athlete form.

Tryouts begin on Sept. 15 and applicable paperwork must be submitted a week prior to trying out.



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS
Kim Chavers, women's rowing head coach.

For more information:
Contact Chavers via email
at kchavers@nova.edu.

A new addition to athletics: Shark Speak Podcast

By Joshua Leatherman

NSU kicked off the Shark Speak podcast, a new way for sports fans to get a peek into the lives of the NSU coaches, players and staff, on Sept. 7.

The show will serve as an opportunity for a variety of athletic personnel to answer questions about themselves, what positions they have at NSU and their teams before

or during the season.

Joshua Raphael, coordinator of Athletic Communications, and Michael Ziegler, graduate assistant of Athletic Communications, will host the show.

"We believe it is important for our fans and students to get to meet the coaches and players here at NSU as more than just coaches and athletes," Raphael said. "This show gives us an opportunity to

get know our staff and athletes on a more personal level and allow our Sharks to open up for the NSU community."

Fans will be able to come to a live show or tune into a live stream.

The show, produced by the Athletic Department, will take place at Twin Peaks on University Drive, close to campus, on the first Thursday of each month, starting with a trio of guests, including Michael

Mominey, director of Athletics and associate vice president for advancement, as well as representatives from the swim and men's golf team.

NSU Athletics will post show updates and announce future guests on social media, which fans can follow on X, formerly Twitter, and Instagram at @NSUSharks.

SPORTS EVENTS

Sept. 15 - 7 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Lynn University

Rick Case Arena

Sept. 16 - 1 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Hillsborough Community College

NSU Tennis Complex at Rolling Hills

Sept. 16 - 4 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Barry University

Rick Case Arena

Sept. 18 - 7 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Lynn University

Rick Case Arena

NSU welcomes Adrian Morales, baseball coach

By Angeline Gilliard

Adrian Morales, the fifth coach in the history of the NSU baseball program, is enthusiastic for his new role. The former Miami Dade College coach spoke about his plans for the team's growth, his commitment to student-athlete development, and his ambitions for the future of the program.

Before becoming coach, Morales was an accomplished player with two NCAA Division I National Championships. With his background as a player, he was able to help Miami Dade College win several state conferences.

Now he hopes to take the program to new heights, striving to secure regional championships, conference victories and a shot for

a national championship.

He wants to bring to NSU that knowledge and insight as a player and a coach.

"The only thing I bring with me is all those championship games that I have played and, that all helps," Morales said. "It helps being in championship games when you're making decisions, experience is such a key factor."

Morales said that while not every player may make it to the big leagues, education forms the foundation for their future success.

He intends to use all the resources at NSU to focus on education first, ensuring that his players are not only skilled athletes but also well-rounded individuals.

"Not everybody gets to go to the big leagues and be on TV. There

needs to be a backup plan," he said. "You can't get on the field unless you are a good student athlete and, I believe that sets the tone for your whole life."

Morales is grateful for the opportunity to be the head baseball coach for a Division II school and said the transition between Miami Dade College to a Division II school is not a problem.

Morales said he had to wear multiple hats during his time at Miami Dade. He was a strength coach, an adviser, and took on other positions to help the players at Miami Dade reach their potential. With NSU's resources, he can focus on the young baseball players.

"I got this job because of the way I coach, and I am just going to continue to grow," Morales said.



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS
Adrian Morales, baseball coach.

Athlete spotlight: Tobias Pellio, NSU's new soccer captain

By Devin Johnson

Tobias Pellio always knew he would pursue soccer. He started his career in Club Soccer at the age of 3 and never looked back.

Pellio, originally from Hagen, Germany, is the new captain of the NSU men's soccer team.

Pellio started his junior college season at Monroe College, in Bronx, New York, later winning a championship. He then transferred to NSU because he was familiar with Florida and loved the campus.

But Pellio had some difficulties with the transition.

"The hardest part about playing in college is the heat in Florida, managing my time, scheduling my treatments, workouts, classes and homework, while still prioritizing the game," Pellio said.

As for his new role as captain of the team, Pellio said that his teammates have helped him in this transition.

"The boys make it easy for me," he said. "I just need to make sure I'm communicating things and bringing the energy."

Pellio has looked up to many soccer champions throughout his career, from Andres Iniesta to Bastian Schweinsteiger, who led his team to win the world cup. If Pellio could compare himself to one active player in the league now, he said it would be Marco Veratti.

Pellio's main inspirations besides famous players were his older brothers and the people growing up with him, who had such a passion for the sport.

"Everyone who I hung out with played [soccer] daily," Pellio said. "It was all we did every day."

Pellio's current goals are to play a good season and bring a national championship to NSU. Pellio said for him, a national championship is an attainable goal, given his hard work, drive, passion for the game, ability to understand when a break is necessary, and correct priorities.



COURTESY OF TOBIAS PELLIO
Tobias Pellio plays during a soccer match.

To watch Pellio and his teammates dominate this season, visit <https://nsusharks.com/index.aspx> for game schedules, tickets and live streams.

SPORTS EVENTS

Sept. 23 - 4 p.m
Women's Tennis vs.
Embry-Riddle University

Rick Case Arena

Sept. 29 - 1 p.m
Men's Swimming vs. University
of Florida

NSU Aquatic Center

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Aquatic University

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Athlete spotlight: Luana Grabias, NSU's 2022 Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year

By Isabella Fernandez de Cueto

Luana Grabias was the 2022 Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year, while also leading the women's soccer team to an NCAA tournament berth. She was born and raised in Brazil and found her love for soccer through her family.

"I have two older sisters and they both played soccer when they were young. My dad is obsessed with soccer too, so for as long as I can remember I've been obsessed with soccer too because of my family," Grabias said.

Grabias was given the opportunity to play with the Brazilian National Team from ages 13-17.

These were formative years in her soccer career and led to some of her proudest moments on the field.

"I've played for the national team since I was 13, but the first time I played in a real tournament I was 17. We won the tournament, and it was the best day of my life because I played for my country. I cannot describe how I felt, I just remember crying a lot," Grabias said.

Grabias stayed in Brazil playing soccer until she was 19 years old and decided she wanted to come to school in the United States.

"I was playing in Brazil, and I was happy, but I came here because I wanted to study and play soccer at the same time which is kind of impossible to do in Brazil. I really wanted to get my degree," Grabias said.

She played her freshman and sophomore seasons at Monroe College in Bronx, New York.

"It was a challenge living in a different country. It was really hard to learn English, my first year here I didn't speak any English."

She then transferred to NSU to finish her last two years of collegiate soccer.

"I'm happy at the place I'm at right now. I feel like I made the right decision," Grabias said.

As a first-year junior at NSU, Grabias started 16 games, tallied 11 goals and landed five assists. This performance led her to win both Conference Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year. While Player of the Year is an individual award, she acknowledges the role her teammates played leading up to her win.

"I only became Player of the Year because of my teammates. I could not have done it by myself, and if it wasn't for my team, I would be nobody. I feel like some people might think I'm different just because I won this award, but I'm really not. I don't feel like a different or special player. I literally could not have done it myself, I needed my team," Grabias said.

With her senior season now starting, Grabias has only one thing on her mind.

"My personal goal is to win. I'm a senior and it's my last season, so I don't want to leave the country without a national championship. That is all I care about, and my teammates as well, all we care about is winning," said Grabias.



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Luana Grabias gets ready to dribble the ball down-field against her opponent.



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Cultivating a new generation of educators



By President George L. Hanbury II

Teachers are essential to educating our next generation of leaders and professionals, but the latest

headlines are sounding the alarm that the supply of teachers is falling far short of the demand.

In 2022, the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics reported that 44% of public schools were experiencing full and part-time teaching vacancies. Additionally, a 2022 Gallup survey found that K-12 teachers were experiencing higher levels of burnout than all other industries nationally.

National teacher shortages have been at crisis levels since before COVID-19, but the pandemic accelerated both the problem and the need to find a solution. Nova Southeastern University's Abraham S. Fischler College of Education is taking action to help ensure that Florida schools have teachers

in place to provide students a quality education. At NSU's Fischler Academy, future teachers earn bachelor's and master's degrees in just four years, are supported by scholarships and are guaranteed full-time job offers upon graduation in some school districts like Broward and Pinellas counties.

Fischler Academy students also benefit from international travel study to gain experience in teaching in other countries. In the five years since its inception, the Fischler Academy has graduated more than 200 students. These teachers have careers in elementary and secondary education, and as specialists in exceptional education. Today, the program has 240 active students.

Teachers were hit hard during the pandemic, but many persevered

to ensure that their students were still learning in difficult situations. As a nation, we must invest more in education—and our teachers—in ways that will stabilize the profession. NSU's approach is one method to train new teachers, but we must also support all the teachers already in the field who show up to work every day for their students.

We all remember the teachers who inspired us and left a lasting impression. Today's students need those inspirational teachers just as much, if not more.

George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., is the president and CEO of NSU.

Are there too many Sharks at NSU?



By Veronica Richard

Since my first semester at NSU three years ago, thousands of new Sharks have been welcomed to campus. This fall, we saw another record number of incoming freshmen at convocation - about 2,300 new Sharks. With NSU admitting so many students, many, including me, are beginning to wonder if NSU

can accommodate them.

NSU's population has been growing more each academic year. With a 30%-enrollment increase since 2017, we have had the largest fall enrollments of any private universities in the state, which on paper seems like a good thing.

On the one hand, it's amazing to see our community blossom. An increase in enrollment allows for larger events, which in turn gives the school a larger university feel. Sharkapalooza of my freshman year was a completely online event with a lackluster feel. Seeing Sharkapalooza as a senior - with all new clubs, organizations, and so many new students enjoying the evening - made me think that maybe the increased enrollment has its perks.

On the other hand, I'm not sure if we are ready for the growing enrollment.

With the addition of Mako Hall to campus in August 2019, allowing

for more than 600 new students to move in, I thought housing would never be a problem at NSU. At the time, it seemed as if our small university had more than enough housing. I was wrong.

Every year, more students are finding housing to be unavailable, and this year, on-campus housing is being advertised as completely unavailable for graduate students due to the high demand.

With the increase of new students, parking may also become a serious issue at NSU. As a commuter student, the struggle to find a parking spot before class has become more difficult every semester. The number of students driving and leaving cars on campus has grown exponentially, but the number of parking spaces allotted for students has not changed. The school needs enough parking spaces for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and the general public who are visiting NSU for the public library or any on-campus events.

This may just be too many vehicles to handle.

I truly believe NSU was not ready for the influx of new students this semester. Driving around for over half an hour to find parking on my first day of senior year was not something I thought would ever occur at a small research university. It may be time to install more parking and dorm buildings or admissions may need to start looking at lowering enrollment.

At this rate, even though I want to welcome both new and old Sharks to the family, we may have to question if there are too many of us here at NSU.

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The Department of Mathematics: Introduces "Math Corner"

Directions and Rules: Please send your answer (no need to send any additional scratch work or justification) to Dr. Jason Gershman, chair of the Department of Mathematics, at jgershma@nova.edu no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20. The correct answer to this question will appear in the next issue of The Current.

All members of the NSU community are invited to submit their answer and participate. Every member of the NSU community who submits at least one answer during the 2023-2024 school year will be invited to attend a celebration in April as part of Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month.

The undergraduate student who submits the most correct answers during the contest year will receive the grand prize of a \$50 gift card courtesy of the Department of Mathematics. If, at the end of the contest year, multiple students are tied for the contest champion, a tiebreaker question to determine the grand prize winner will take place where the fastest person to answer correctly wins the grand prize.

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MATH CORNER

Question: Student Razor Q. Shark wants a new wardrobe for the fall semester. He makes 11 separate shopping trips during the semester to his favorite clothing store buying only shirts and/or shorts and nothing else on each shopping trip. Razor pays with his credit card on each shopping trip. At this store, each shirt costs \$13 and each pair of shorts costs \$5 (all prices include tax).

At the end of the semester, Razor reviews his credit card bills and discovers 12 charges from this store instead of 11 so Razor knows that one of them was charged to him in error. The amounts of each charge are:

\$43, \$102, \$62, \$57, \$133, \$97, \$92, \$47, \$52, \$123, \$77, \$36

Based on the value of the charges, which dollar amount charged was the amount charged in error?

TIC TAC TOE

This is a game where two players seek alternative ways to complete a row. One player is a circle while the other one is an X. Whoever completes three in a row is the first to win the game.

