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The physician assistant class of 2017

Congratulations Physician Assistant Class of 2017

By: Ruth Ann (Anna) Pfaff, student government president and physician assistant student

NSU Jacksonville congratulates the physician assistant class of 2017 on their graduation! Fifty-seven students graduated on Friday, August 18 at the Fort Lauderdale-Davie Campus with their Master of Medical Science Physician Assistant degrees. Of these 57 students, 23 graduated with honors, having a GPA between 3.6 and 3.79, and 12 graduated with high honors, having a GPA above 3.8.

These graduates will be entering several fields of medicine including emergency medicine, family practice, orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, general surgery, oncology, dermatology, behavioral health, urgent care, and many more. At the time of publication, the physician assistant class of 2017 had a 98% pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).

Fischler College of Education Partners with Local Counties

By: Brooke Goehring

Mathew Page, assistant director and the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education established partnerships with Baker, Clay, Nassau, and Putnam County School Districts in an effort to expand educational opportunities for educators in our communities. The agreements allow all faculty, staff and administrators from these counties to receive up to 20% off the current tuition rates for any graduate education programs including any of the M.S., Ed.S., and Ed.D. degree programs. Additionally, Page is exploring opportunities for similar partnerships with Alachua, Chatham, Duval, Leon, and St. Johns Counties. For more information, visit www.education.nova.edu/affiliates.



Sharks Donate School Supplies to Local Families

By: Samantha Gaulden

On Saturday, August 12, 2017, the NSU Jacksonville Sharks with a Purpose (SWAP) members and Student Government Association (SGA) members donated 15 backpacks loaded with free school supplies for local Duval students as part of Prodigal Kids' Back to School Free Mental Health Screening Day. We are so proud of our Sharks for collaborating with Prodigal Kids to provide local underserved families with the tools necessary, physically and mentally, to succeed this year. NSU Jacksonville students provided each child with a free backpack, lunch box, and all their required school supplies for the year.

Physician Assistant (PA) Week: October 6 - 12, 2017

By: Clayton Garber Ford, physician assistant student

The beginning of October means the beginning of the fall season for most, but for us at the NSU Jacksonville Campus it means PA Week! This year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), and since this upcoming convention will be held in New Orleans, we planned a week full of Mardi Gras themed activities, which included southern styled breakfast with sausage gravy included, pajama day, Mardi Gras beads being passed out for answering questions in class, raffles, class gifts, and so much more. This was a week to show our excitement for being part of such an amazing profession, and we can't wait for the many more PA Week celebrations to come!

Fischler Doctoral News

By: Susan Forbes, Ed.D.

The Abraham S. Fischler College of Education students at the NSU Jacksonville Campus continue to distinguish themselves! After a most successful May Commencement, we are pleased to announce that Christine Hicks, Ed.D. and Timothy King, Ed.D. received their doctoral degree conferral in August.

The Ed.D Club, which meets on Monday nights from 5:30 p.m. until closing, celebrated one of their own in June with a special reception. Juanita "Sabrina" Simmons, Ed.D., former president of the club graduated in May and chose to have her reception after commencement at the Jacksonville Campus to be with her Shark family. The purpose of the club is to offer peer support during the doctoral program. Kathyleen Wyatt, Ed.D. is always available for coaching on Monday nights as well. She often meets with the club, along with Susan Forbes, Ed.D., with updates and helpful hints to smooth out any bumps in the road of the doctoral journey. Bob Hilderbrandt is available in the computer lab Monday - Friday evenings until 10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays to support any technological challenges. To email Forbes, Hildebrandt, or Wyatt, please see the below.

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NSU Jacksonville Hosts 2017 Substance Abuse Conference

By: Samantha Gaulden

Mark Sobell, Ph.D., ABPP, professor and co-director of NSU's Guided Self-Change Clinic and Drug Free Duval collaborated together with NSU Jacksonville to host the 2017 Substance Abuse Conference on May 13, 2017. Attendees were able to take part in a panel discussion and break sessions lead by Sobell and Drug Free Duval. Topics included Surgeon General's Findings, Guided Self-Change Treatment, S-BIRT: It Will Change Your Practice, North Florida Opioid/Heroin Task Force Updates, and Naloxone: The Ins and Outs of Saving Lives.



Second Annual Classroom Management Workshop

By: Matthew Page

The NSU Jacksonville Campus proudly hosted our second annual classroom management workshop titled Keepin' It Positive: Basic Approaches to Classroom Management on Friday, August 4, 2017 and welcomed 23 local educators who were eager to hear from David Griffin, Ed.D. During the workshop, educators reviewed various classroom management approaches to help prevent and address misbehavior. The Duval County Public Schools Professional Development Office offered master plan points to each workshop attendee employed in their district. If you missed the workshop but would like to attend future workshops, please contact Matthew Page at nsu-jacksonville@nova.edu.



Escape Room

By: Catherine O'Brien

On April 22, 2017, five members of the Jacksonville SGA, along with Catherine O'Brien, associate director of student affairs and Jacksonville SGA advisor put their problem solving skills to the test during a team-building trip to Escape U in St. Augustine. Escape U, recently voted St. Augustine's #1 escape room, houses three themed rooms full of puzzles and riddles to solve in order to find your way out. Given an hour for the task, we are happy to report the SGA escaped with nine minutes to spare! Escape U also happens to be co-owned and operated by our very own Nicole Buzzard, PA class of 2017! Escape U is located at 525 FL-16 #104, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Campus Impact Safety Awards

By: Ricardo Belmar

Congratulations to Brooke Goehring, campus director and Kathyleen Wyatt, Ed.D., operations administrator II for being selected as the recipients of the Campus Impact Safety Awards for NSU Jacksonville in May 2017. They were chosen for the award due to their commitment to safety. Keep up the good work!

Alumni Spotlight: Monekka Munroe, Ed.D.

By: Susan Forbes, Ed.D.

Monekka Munroe, Ed.D. was selected as the keynote speaker for the Doctoral Summer Institute 2017. Munroe is an assistant professor at Virginia Union University and owns Great Minds Publishing Company. She has published two books titled *The Desperation of a Woman: Lessons About Living and Loving* and *Learning to Be Grateful When We're Not Thankful*, and both books are available on Amazon. Munroe was selected to speak for TEDx/FL, and her ten minute speech is available on YouTube. She is currently living in Virginia and writing a textbook on criminology. To contact Munroe, email greatmindspublishing@gmail.com.



Sharks Share Brazilian Culture at 2017 Chimney Lakes Elementary International Culture Fair

By: Samantha Gaulden

Joao Bicalho, enrollment coordinator and Samantha Gaulden, assistant director from the NSU Jacksonville Campus taught four forty minute presentations on the beautiful culture of Brazil to Chimney Lake Elementary School students on May 12. Bicalho shared his heritage and culture and brought students into his world by using video clips, pictures, and games to engage them throughout each presentation.

Kathyleen G. Wyatt, Ed.D. to Present at Upcoming Conference

By: Kathyleen G. Wyatt, Ed.D.

Kathyleen G. Wyatt, Ed.D., operations administrator II has been chosen to present her dissertation entitled "A Front-End Analysis of the Perceived Correlation between Student Success and Organizational Leadership" at the 2017 Annual Conference "Driving Distance Learning to Excellence". This conference will be hosted by Florida Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (FAMTE) and Florida Distance Learning Association (FDLA) and will be held from January 16-18, 2018.

The Florida Distance Learning Association's 2017 Annual Conference is the premier event for professionals in the distance learning industry in Florida, and this year's fall conference promises to deliver another exciting and informative program that will bring together distance learning practitioners within Florida. The format of this event allows attendees to learn about relevant topics related to K-12, higher education, and virtually all distance learning stakeholders. For more information about the conference, please visit http://www.fdma.com/?page_id=3888.



Recreational Event at Velocity Indoor Sports Complex

By: Catherine O'Brien

On June 28, 2017, the NSU Jacksonville Sharks and Recreation Club hosted an indoor recreational event at Velocity Indoor Sports Complex. Fifty NSU students and guests took to the indoor trampoline courts, dodgeball areas, foam pits, and ninja warrior course. After an hour of getting quite a workout, everyone was treated to pizza and drinks!

Dreams Come True Fundraiser

By: Catherine O'Brien

On June 23, 2017, the NSU Jacksonville Physician Assistant Student Society hosted the annual SuperNOVA Karaoke Night at River City Brewing Company. Over 120 NSU students, staff, faculty, and guests came out to this annual fun event to benefit Dreams Come True. This year the Jacksonville Campus SGA teamed up with the physician assistant class of 2018 to include an appetizer buffet and to bring NSU Jacksonville physician assistant alumni to the event. The current physician assistant faculty even surprised everyone with a smashing karaoke performance in costume! The fun included singing, dancing, door prizes, and a silent auction. The physician assistant class of 2018 representative Matt Collins reported that a record breaking \$1,643 was raised for Dreams Come True!



Announcement: New iShark Mobile

iShark Mobile is a service provided by the Office of Innovation and Information Technology and is a part of a university-wide initiative to improve the mobile experience of students who attend NSU. We will be working to continually expand and enhance the mobile experience for all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors of NSU in the future.



Painting of the Paw Prints

By: Kathlyeen G. Wyatt, Ed.D.

On Saturday, July 29, Kathlyeen Wyatt, Ed.D., her daughter Kathy, and grandson Richard represented the NSU Jacksonville Campus at the Annual Painting of the Paw Prints event sponsored by the JAX Chamber Downtown Council. In total, participants painted all 330 paw prints along Bay Street in downtown Jacksonville leading to EverBank Field home of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Post painting events included a family-friendly after party to kick off the 2017 Jaguars season that included appearances from Jaxson de Ville, the ROAR of the Jaguars and D-Line.