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**CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**CPS Faculty/Student Accomplishments**

The Center for Psychological Studies is pleased to report 100 per cent placement of its school psychology program internship applicants. At the doctoral level, 80 of 82 internship applicants were placed. As in past years, CPS doctoral internship placements is above the national average.

The first graduating class of the CPS specialist program in school psychology completed their degree requirements on Friday, April 22, 2005. The class included 18 main campus students, 8 students from its Jacksonville site, and 2 students from the Tampa site.

Several CPS faculty have enter submissions for the President's Faculty Research and Development Grants, FY 2005-2006 Competition:

Professor Jeff Kibler – Behavioral Risk Factors in Type 2 Diabetes and Heart Disease: Associations with Cognitive Appraisal Type and Psychological Distress (in collaboration with Gisela Robles, HPD College of Pharmacy).

Professors Gene Cash, Sarah Valley-Gray, & Angela Waguespack – Ongoing Research: Emergent Literacy Skills Enhancement (in collaboration with Dr. Kent Grelling, Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, Drs. James Pann & Dana Mills, Fischler School of Education and Human Services and Drs. Tanya Mahaphon & Deborah Amster, HPD College of Optometry).

Professor Bill Kelleher – Automated Recognition of Dyskinesia and Motor Fluctuations in Patients with Parkinson's Disease Using Surface Electromyography (in collaboration with Ming-Shun Cheng & Cheryl Hill, HPD College of Allied Health & Nursing).

Professor David Reitman – Surveillance of Childhood Obesity: A Preliminary Investigation of Obesity and Overweight Children in a High-Risk Child and Adolescent Population.

Professor John Lewis and doctoral student K. Bryant Smalley are participating in the Quality of Life Submission 2005. Their submission, Reducing Obesity in Minority Adolescents: The ROMA Project was made in collaboration with Dr. Jacob C. Warren and M. Isabel Fernandez of HPD College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Colloquia/Workshops**

The Center for Psychological Studies Continuing Education Series presented *Socially Anxious Clients: Changing Lives Through Cognitive Behavior Therapy*. The program was presented by Richard Heimberg, Ph.D. Dr. Heimberg is a professor and distinguished faculty fellow in psychology at Temple University. He also serves as director of clinical training and of the Adult Anxiety Clinic of Temple University.

A Continuation Education Series workshop entitled, *Recent Trends in the Management of Obesity*, and Co-sponsored with the NSU Health Professions Division, was presented by John Forey, Ph.D., Carlos Poston, Ph.D., et. al.

On April 8, 2005 the Sixth Annual Conference of the Ethnic Minority Association of Graduate Students (EMAGS) took place. Keynote speakers for the conference entitled, *One Bell Curve Fits All? Assessment with Culturally and Socially Diverse Clients*, were Ronald J. Samuda, Ph.D., Gwyneth M. Boodoo, Ph.D. During the course of his academic career, Dr. Samuda held several teaching appointments, including professor and director of the Institute for Cross-Cultural Counseling CPS. Dr. Boodoo is a consultant who specializes in educational measurement, statistics and research methods. She served as the executive director at the Research Center for Measurement Models at the Educational Testing Service.

The final Continuing Education workshop for the 2004-2005 academic year has been scheduled to take place in May. *What the Practitioner Needs to Know-2005*:

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Update and Review of Current Psychopharmacology*, will be presented by Jose Rey, Pharm.D.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE**

The Criminal Justice Institute will be participating in Jr. FBI academy sponsored by the Fischler School of Education and Human Services June 6 – 17, 2005. Thirty Miami-Dade high school students entering the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades will visit FSEHS for instruction and demonstrations from retired and current FBI Agents. They will be privy to a mock crime scene, a SWAT demonstration and will be taken to an FBI office for a field trip.

A collaborative team has developed a program called the “*CJI Crime Scene Game*” through the Nova Southeastern University Criminal Justice Institute. The game will be online, through the CJI website and include clues based on a crime that was committed. The object of each registrant is to figure out ‘who done it.’ Once registered, players will receive one email per week with a riddle directing him/her to a sponsor’s website. Upon entering each website the player will be required to locate the clue of the week and proceed to solve the clue. The cost to play the *CJI Crime Scene Game* will be five dollars which will be donated to Broward County Crime Stoppers (BCS). The grand finale will be celebrated on the NSU main campus the weekend of September 9, 2005. Final answers will be in essay form and e-mailed to BCS. The *CJI Crime Scene Game* will run 10 weeks. The first program will begin July 5 and end September 9, 2005.

The Criminal Justice Institute is working with the Farquar College of Arts and Sciences to propose an Accelerated & Dual Admissions Program offering a Criminal Justice Bachelors and Masters Degree.

The Psychology Postdoctoral Residency Program is growing. The program plans to increase from two to five residents in 2005-2006. Participating centers include: the Criminal Justice Institute, the College of Dental Medicine, the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, the Center for Psychological Studies and the Fischler School of Education and Human Services. Resident’s activities include the provision of consultative services, clinical assessments and interventions and research/training participation.

A warm welcome to:

1) Richard Beauchamp, J.D. of Panza, Maurer and Maynard who has been appointed adjunct faculty for the CJI core course, Legal Issues in Criminal Justice.

2) Morris Goldings, J.D. who has been appointed adjunct faculty for the CJI elective, The Clinical Investigation of Fraud.

The Criminal Justice Institute is proud to announce that there has been a 560% increase in the number of graduates for 2005 as compared to the number of graduates from our first graduating class in 2003.

## **FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **Photo exhibit captures Caribbean environment of St. Lucia; Afternoon of music and dance kick-off exhibit at Sherman Library, April 14**

“Expedition 2005—St. Lucia: Helen of the West Indies,” an exhibit of more than 125 photographs of the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, will be on display in the Sherman Library atrium until July 14. An April 14 grand opening celebration of St. Lucian culture, music, and food kicked-off the exhibit, sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. The exhibit’s photographs were taken by students as well as professional and amateur photographers who traveled to St. Lucia on eco-tours organized by Barry Barker, environmental science/studies professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology. The goal of the participating students—who were part of a special topics geography course—was not only to document St. Lucia’s environment, culture, and history through photographs, but also to acquire hands-on experience in applying sustainable solutions to ecological problems. “Expedition 2005” is the 6th annual photographic project organized by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. In past years, expeditions have traveled to Chile, Costa Rica, Malaysia, China, and East Africa.

### **Paul Joseph Colloquium focuses on intersection of marine conservation and international law**

The latest gathering of the Paul Joseph Colloquium series was held March 9 at the Shepard Broad Law Center. The colloquium series—sponsored by the Division of Humanities at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and the Shepard Broad Law Center — focused on interdisciplinary and controversial topics and brought together faculty and students from various NSU programs. The latest topic discussed was, “Should the U.S. enforce the ban on Mexican tuna?” Discussion focused on ethical, scientific, policy, and international law issues related to tuna fishing and the protection of dolphin populations.

### **Northern Ireland party leader visits NSU, meets with students**

Mark Durkan, the leader of the main constitutional nationalist party in Northern Ireland, delivered a talk, “A Better Way to a Better Ireland,” in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building on March 15. The address was the capstone event for “Troubled Images,” a traveling exhibit of posters on display at the Sherman Library from Belfast’s Linen Hall Library that represented three decades of conflict in the region between Nationalists favoring a united Ireland and Loyalists who wish to remain part of the United Kingdom. The exhibit ran from February 5th to March 20th.

As part of his campus visit, Durkan met with undergraduate students from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and discussed his political career and the current situation in his country. Durkan, who heads the Social Democratic and Labour Party, or SDLP, was elected SDLP Leader in November 2001 and became Deputy First Minister of the currently suspended Northern Ireland Assembly in December 2001. His visit to NSU was hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, the Shepard Broad Law Center, the South Florida Irish Studies Consortium, the Celtic American Law Society

(at Shepard Broad), the Milwaukee Irish Fest Foundation, and the Florida-based Irish Peace Institute Foundation.

### **Journalist speaks about *The New York Times* and the Holocaust**

Journalist and Northeastern University professor Laurel Leff visited NSU April 7 to discuss her new book about the media and the Holocaust at a public talk held on NSU's main campus. The event was sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. *Buried by The Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper* (Cambridge University Press) is an in-depth look at how *The New York Times* failed in its coverage of the fate of European Jews from 1939–1945. The book examines how decisions at the newspaper ultimately resulted in the minimizing and misunderstanding of the tragic genocide.

### **Visiting materials scientist lectures on science and engineering of glass**

Minoru Tomozawa, professor of materials science at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, delivered a lecture on the science and engineering of glass during a campus visit in March. The lecture was co-sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology and Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Tomozawa has published extensively and edited several books in the field of glass science. He is a fellow of the American Ceramic Society and has served as chair of the society's Glass and Optical Materials Division. His current research interests include learning more about how glass structures change over time in order to develop improved methods for glass processing.

### **Bioinformatics conference proceedings scheduled for May publication**

*Advances in Bioinformatics and its Applications*, the conference proceedings from December's International Conference on Bioinformatics and its Applications (ICBA), is scheduled for publication in May as volume 8 in the Book Series in Mathematical Biology and Medicine by the World Scientific Publishing Company. The 623-page volume will be based on selected papers from the December 16-19, 2004 conference sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology. ICBA brought to NSU more than 120 bioinformatics researchers from the United States and worldwide to discuss research trends in the interdisciplinary field, which combines biology, mathematics, and computer science. *Advances in Bioinformatics and its Applications* should prove to be an essential source of reference for researchers and graduate students in bioinformatics, computer science, mathematics, statistics, and biological sciences. The book editors are Dr. Matthew He, director of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology (Nova Southeastern University, USA), Dr. Giri Narasimhan (Florida International University, USA) and Dr. Sergei Petoukhov (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia).

### **Humanities professors publish and present papers**

In January, Professor Kate Waites, from the Division of Humanities, published an article in *Literature/Film Quarterly* entitled, "Graeme Clifford's Biopic *Frances* (1982): "Once A Failed Lady, Twice Indicted."

Lynn Wolf, associate professor in the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, presented a paper at the Popular Culture Association Conference in San Diego, CA on March 25. The paper was entitled "An Icy Crossing: Madness in George Meredith's *One of Our Conquerors*." For additional information, please go to the PCA website ([www.h-net.org/~pcaaca/2005](http://www.h-net.org/~pcaaca/2005)).

Marlisa Santos, assistant professor and assistant director of the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, presented a paper at the Northeast Modern Language Association (NEMLA) Conference in Cambridge, MA on April 2. The paper focuses on the film and novel versions of *A Clockwork Orange* and is entitled “A right dirty criminal world: Kubrick’s Appropriation of Burgess’ Ultra-violence.” For additional information, please go to the NEMLA website ([www.nemla.org](http://www.nemla.org)).

Ben Mulvey, associate professor and director of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, presented an essay, “Can there be a Regional (Caribbean) Philosophy?” to the Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium at the University of the West Indies, Barbados, March 31.

Jim Doan, professor in the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, will present two papers on the topic of the influences of radical Ulster Presbyterian ideas on 18<sup>th</sup>-century American politics. He will be presenting at the Scotch-Irish Identity Symposium in Philadelphia, PA on June 3-4, 2005 and the Irish Protestant Identities Conference at the University of Salford in Greater Manchester, England on Sept. 16, 2005.

### **Philosophy professor active on campus and in community through recent public lectures and radio interviews**

Bob Seltzer, philosophy professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, delivered a lecture on God and morality, April 13, in the Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall classroom. Seltzer's areas of study include philosophy of language, mind, science, and religion. Among the courses he teaches are Critical Thinking and History of Political Thought. The lecture was part of NSU’s First Annual Ethics Awareness Week and Ethics Bowl, April 11-16, sponsored by the NSU Office of Student Affairs. Seltzer also appeared on WLRN (91.3 FM) radio’s Topical Currents, April 19, where he discussed the role of free will in a causal world. Topical Currents is a public affairs interview/talk program whose topics range from local politics to the environment, business, education, health, and community affairs. Seltzer also spoke on “Free Will: Freedom in a Causal World?” March 16 at Miami Intelligence, a nonprofit arts and cultural institution in Coconut Grove.

### **Institute for Learning in Retirement sponsors day of opera at Plantation residential community**

On April 20, the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) sponsored a discussion session on opera at the Covenant Village Care Center & Palm Villa, a retirement community in Plantation. At the event, Brad Jenks and David Yuen, representatives from the Florida Grand Opera and its affiliated educational organization, The Camerata, showed film clips of popular operas and spoke about opera history, librettos, musical styles, and common opera archetypes. The event was coordinated by Ed Aqua, ILR director, and Barbara Koren, Covenant Village recreation director.

On May 9, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., the ILR will welcome Laura Feldman of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security in Washington, D.C., who will talk about “The Politics of Aging: Is Social security Safe?”

### **Baseball fans mix it up at the Sherman Library**

Florida Marlins fans had a chance to talk about the sport they love—and show support for their favorite team—at *Take Us to Out to the Ballgame!* in the Sherman Library, April 20, sponsored by the Davie-Cooper City Rotary Club. Fans got a hot dog reception and won baseballs, DVDs, and other gifts courtesy of the Marlins. In addition, Marlisa Santos and Gary Gershman, professors in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences’ Division of Humanities, talked up the history of baseball and how the game is represented in popular culture and film.

### **Tech Galaxy to bring together local technology user groups, April 23**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tech Galaxy is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m.–4:15 p.m. in the Sherman Library. At this gathering of South Florida's technical community, participants will network with local computer industry representatives, discover user groups for technology interests, and develop new interests through seminars and presentations on operating systems, software, and applications. Topics range from organizing an iTunes library to ColdFusion for beginners.

A panel discussion, "Technology, Education, and Innovation," is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building Lecture Hall. Panel members include:

- Matthew He, director, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology, NSU
- Raul Salazar, president, Florida Distance Learning Association
- Marty Rubenstein, District 6 School Board of Broward County
- Andrew Tabone, IS/HR manager, Carnival Cruise Lines, Inc.
- Ian Katz, tech columnist, *Sun-Sentinel*
- Moderator: Alex Funkhouser, CEO, Computer Careers

Tech Galaxy is sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology, the NSU Office of Information Technology, the South Florida Java User Group, and the Florida Linux User Xchange.

### **High school students compete in NSU MathOlympics 2005**

At the NSU MathOlympics 2005, April 2 on main campus, twenty five South Florida high school students competed in exams covering pre-calculus mathematics, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, logic, combinatorics, and probability. The purpose of the contest was to promote interest in mathematics among South Florida high school students and to recognize their mathematical prowess by awarding scholarships, prizes, and certificates. The top three finishers were Weston students Gabor Debreczeni, Gustavo Gordillo, and Aneesh Raghunandan. The MathOlympics was hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology. MST professor Jerry Bartolomeo coordinated the event.

### **Student of the Year Award**

Elizabeth Haubaugh, Class of 2006, won the 2005 Student of the Year Award (STUEY). Harbaugh is an English and humanities double major in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Among her campus leadership positions (including recent election to SGA vice president), Liz is the editor-in-chief of NSU's undergraduate literary magazine, *Digressions*.

### **More than 80 undergraduates inducted into national honor society**

In an April 1 ceremony, 84 undergraduate students were inducted into Alpha Chi, the coeducational national honor society. NSU's chapter, the Florida Eta chapter, is coordinated by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Office of the Dean. Alpha Chi's mission is to promote academic excellence among college and university students. Less than 3% of all undergraduate students are invited to join; those invited must meet strict academic and enrollment qualifications. Inductees receive lifetime membership; recognition in commencement ceremonies and through transcript notation; and eligibility to participate in Alpha Chi activities.

### **Dual admission students honored at reception**

Students from NSU's dual admission programs were recognized for their achievements at a March 31 reception held in the Carl DeSantis Building atrium. Dual admission programs allow students to be accepted at the same time into both an undergraduate program and the NSU professional or graduate school of their choice. The reception, sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, was an opportunity for undergraduates to meet dual admission students who are now succeeding in the graduate school component of their programs. Dual admission is now available in 21 programs, ranging from the medical sciences to psychology, law, business, education, and conflict analysis and resolution. More new undergraduates in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences are taking advantage of dual admission programs with partnering NSU graduate schools, including almost 100 students who entered the college in fall 2004.

### ***Digressions* contributors read at poetry series event**

Contributors to the 2005 edition of *Digressions* read at an April 20 meeting of Sherman Library's Friday Evening Poetry Series. NSU's student literary magazine, sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Humanities, showcases the poetry, prose, art, and photography of NSU's undergraduate students. The reading was hosted by Marlisa Santos, Division of Humanities professor and a faculty adviser for *Digressions*.

### **Leadership Roundtable Scholars program recognition**

On April 21, Leadership Roundtable Scholars were honored with plaques and gifts by Don Rosenblum, FCAS dean, and Jenny Miles, director of Student Development and Retention. Honorees spoke about significant experiences from the past year, during which they took greater leadership roles on campus. Experiences ranged from spending time with Alzheimer's patients to taking children from Kids in Distress surfing.

### **Students Shine at the 4th Annual Student Research Symposium & Humanities Festival**

Undergraduate students from Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences displayed their academic and artistic best during the Fourth Annual Student Research Symposium and Humanities Festival held in the Alvin Sherman Library and the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on NSU's main campus. NSU undergraduates from all disciplines participated in the symposium and festival, showcasing projects covering areas of student scholarship ranging from the experimental and the applied to the computational, theoretical, artistic, and literary. The symposium and festival presented student projects and performances through oral presentations, paper submissions, and poster displays. They served as a showcase for demonstrating the outstanding scholarship of NSU's undergraduate students.

### **Communication Studies Major Takes Fourth Place in State-wide Oratory Competition**

Cheryl Clayton, a communication studies major in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities was awarded fourth place in the statewide Claude Pepper Foundation Oratory Competition held late February at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Clayton competed against other skilled public speakers from speech and debate teams at colleges and universities across the state.

### **Study Abroad Experience in the Amazon Offered Summer I Term**

The Division of Humanities is offering a study abroad experience that will include a two-week field trip to the Amazon in Peru. Students will be immersed in key issues related to preservation and sustainable development of the Amazon rainforest.

## **FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **BCPS Annual Community Involvement Awards**

FSEHS co-sponsored the Broward County Public Schools' (BCPS) Annual Community Involvement Awards on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at the Grand Floridian Ballroom at the Broward County Convention Center. The dean of the Office of Community Education and Diversity Affairs represented Fischler at the event which hosted over 1600 attendees. The honorees were referred to as "those who work tirelessly behind the scenes." The recognition was focused on BCPS's volunteers, mentors, and business partners. These were individuals and businesses who give of themselves to help improve education in Broward. They spend time reading with students, providing help to the school administration, donating supplies and other items - whatever it takes to help the students do the best they can. As an outreach to the community, Dean Smiley stated that she "valued this opportunity to demonstrate FSEHS's connection with the community in the spirit of inclusivity."

### **Fischler School Graduate Named 2005 State Superintendent of the Year**

Carol Saylor, Ed.D., a graduate of the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, was named 2005 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year. Saylor, the chief executive of the Manheim Central School District in Pennsylvania, received her doctoral degree in educational leadership at NSU in 1987.

The American Association of School Administrators and ARAMARK name state and national superintendents of the year to further inspire exemplary educational leadership and promote a sense of confidence and pride in the nation's public schools.

Saylor has been superintendent in the Manheim Central School District since 1996. She previously served as superintendent in the Fairfield Area School District. She is a member of the PASA board of governors, and served as its president in 2002-03.

Saylor also chairs the PASA Leadership Task Force and Elections and Strategic Planning committees and serves on the Catalyst for Change Review Board. She also facilitates the Pennsylvania Leadership Development Center.

### **FSEHS hosted 47 Girl Scouts for "College Student for a Day" program**

In partnership with the Girl Scouts of Broward, Inc., the FSEHS hosted 47 Girl Scouts for the "College Student for a Day" program on Tuesday, March 22. The middle and high school students sat in their first college course, ELEM 3540, Principles and Practices of Instruction and Assessment II, with Dr. Patrice LeBlanc. They also learned about the many resources available here at the university. Jeff Kennedy and Jamie Manburg shared information about the UTEP admissions process. The scouts also visited the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center, Miniaci theater, Dormitories, Radio Station X, the Knight newspaper, and the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

### **NAESP Announced Scholarship Fellows for 2005**

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and Nova Southeastern University (NSU) recently announced the NSU-NAESP Scholarship Fellows for 2005. The recipients will attend the NAESP 84th Annual Convention and Exposition in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 16-19, 2005. The awards will be presented during the beginning of the Second General Session by H. Wells Singleton, education provost/university dean.

The two principals were chosen by NAESP from a pool of the 2004 National Distinguished Principals, leaders from every state who are honored each year by NAESP. Recipients may decide between a doctoral degree in educational leadership and a doctoral degree in organizational leadership, which will be completed largely online with NSU. Once they have the degree, the principals will represent NAESP at meetings and programs that provide advice and support to aspiring, new, and veteran principals.

The fellowships are part of a unique partnership designed to encourage candidates to enter—and continue in—school leadership positions. The NSU-NAESP National Fellows Scholarship Program enables selected principals to complete an advanced degree at no cost and without leaving their jobs. Upon completion, the principals will be required to participate in NAESP's mentoring programs for the benefit of their colleagues and the profession.

### **NSU-FSEHS and USDLA Team up to Tap into the Need for Distance Learning Experts**

FSEHS, in partnership with the United States Distance Learning Association, will continue its cutting-edge Distance Learning Leader Certificate Program (DLLCP) with two new sessions this summer. Designed to tackle the emerging needs of today's managers for new leadership skills, distance learning knowledge and applications, best practices, and hands-on activities, the sessions are scheduled for June 10-11, 2005 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and July 12-14, 2005 in Orlando, FL.

The two- and three-day site based programs, followed by a six week online component, provide leaders responsible for directing overall distance education and training initiatives with the critical skills needed to succeed in a distance learning environment, including establishing strategic direction, procurement, implementation, distance learning management, and evaluation.

DLLCP is designed for professionals in a wide range of positions including Chief Learning Officers, Higher Education/University Distance Education Directors, Training Directors and Managers, Educational Technology Directors, and Teachers. Classes for the June DLLCP will be held at the state of the art wireless and interactive technology center at the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Classes for the July DLLCP will be held at Disney's Contemporary Resort, in Orlando, FL in conjunction with the NSU's annual Conference on Global Leadership, Learning, and Research.

### **MAILMAN SEGAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES**

Nova Southeastern University and the Mailman Segal Institute hosted the *Walk FAR for NAAR* fundraising walk Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> as part of Autism Awareness Month. Funds raised will benefit cutting-edge scientific research into the causes, treatments, and possible cures for autism spectrum disorders, which affect more than 1.6 million children nationwide. The Baudhuin Preschool Walk Team, the institute's preschool for children with autism, raised more dollars to contribute to the cause than any other walk team participating in the Broward County event.

One of the nation's leading organizations dedicated to early childhood best practice, Zero to Three, recently published *Building Literacy with Love* authored by the institute's Marilyn Mailman Segal, Ph.D.

and Betty S. Bardige, Ed.D. The book is a classroom-based text designed to help early childhood practitioners learn about fostering literacy skills in children birth to five years of age.

The first annual *Autism Leadership Academy* will be held June 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the state-of-the-art training and demonstration facility, the Jim & Jan Moran Family Center Village. The institute's Autism Consortium will offer a one-week training academy on developing leadership in the area of autism in education. Training will focus on identifying leadership styles, models for supporting educators, and the impact of special education law on the education of individuals with autism.

The institute's Susan Kabot, MS was a co-presenter at the Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Conference this year held in Baltimore, MD. Kabot, presenting with the Broward County School Board's Sandy Edmonds, educated participants on *Interventions for Children with Autism and Blindness*.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening Under the Stars Cocktail Party and Silent Auction, contributing to the scholarship funds of the Family Center Village Preschool and Parenting Place, will be held Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30pm at the Jim & Jan Moran Family Center Village. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on items created by children in the classrooms while enjoying a buffet donated by noted restaurants in Broward County.

## OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER

### New Addition to the NSU Research Fleet at the Oceanographic Center.



*Capt. Lance Robinson, with Brian Buskirk on the bow, maneuvers the newly acquired research vessel into the Oceanographic Center's boat basin.*

The Oceanographic Center has acquired a (previously owned) 29' Phoenix twin diesel vessel for use in research monitoring to fulfill its role in the upcoming Broward County beach renourishment project. The 1978 vessel is in good working condition and will be employed immediately. Dean **Richard Dodge**, Ph.D. was on the dock to greet its arrival, along with the project's manager, **David Gilliam**, Ph.D.

NSUOC scientists are the designated biological monitors for the project. Researchers will monitor 34 offshore sites each week for signs of sedimentation and coral stress. Should levels exceed certain experimentally pre-determined thresholds, dredging within the vicinity will cease until the reef animals can recover. The newly acquired vessel will be used by teams of 4 SCUBA divers for underwater observations, collections, and photography. The initial phases of this project have begun. Actual dredging by the County's contractor is expected to start in April.



*L-R: MS student and assistant Harbor Master, Brian Buskirk, Capt. Lance Robsinson, Dan Fahy, MS student Joanna Walczak, and Project Manager, Dave Gilliam, Ph.D.*

Thanks are due to those who assisted in the acquisition of the vessel: **Lance Robinson, Peggy Oelrich,** George Hanbury, Joel Berman, Jeff Lowe, Cherrie Gooden, Shirley Naidoo, and Dave Gilliam.

### **Sherlock Project Live**

On December 6, **Charles Messing**, Ph.D., co-hosted the third episode of the Sherlock Project: Investigating the Natural World, with J. P. Keener, Ph.D. of the Broward County School Board. The two live programs, each 50 minutes long, were broadcast via the Broward Educational Communications Network (BECON) from the Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue Station and adjacent Hurricane Safe House. Prof. Caroline Robertson of FIU's Hurricane Research Center demonstrated the power of hurricane winds by using an air cannon to project roof shingles and two-by-fours at (and through) plywood sheets. Deerfield Beach Fire Chief Jim Mathie and Battalion Chief Jim Van Buskirk demonstrated advances in hurricane preparation and disaster relief technology such as polycarbonate windows and infrared-sensitive scopes.

Prof. Messing outlined the factors and forces that contribute to the formation of hurricanes. The programs were broadcast throughout the school system, but eight middle schools joined in the live hook-up; students were able to ask questions of the hosts and their guests from their classrooms and get answers in real time during the shows.

### **Boulder Finds Way to Mesozoic Garden**

**Professor Messing** also is involved with the Mesozoic Garden and decided that a large fossil boulder found at the center belonged there. The boulder was excavated by maintenance technician Mr. Felix Washington and Unicco grounds and landscaping staff. It is being donated by the Oceanographic Center to grace the Mesozoic Garden on the NSU Main Campus. The Garden, located east of the Parker Bldg. and south of the Science Annex, currently houses plants with ancient pedigrees such as cycads, araucaria, and horsetails. Messing is adding a time line of fossil-bearing boulders from every geological period.



*Charles Messing with the boulder being transported to the main campus.*



*Close up view of boulder showing fossil shells.*

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## **Seminars and Defenses**

### ***Dissertation***

**David Z. McMahon**, "Commercial Protocols for the Inland Culture of *Litopenaeus vannamei* (Boone 1931) (Crustacea; Decapoda; Penaeidae) in Zero-Exchange, Freshwater Systems." Committee Members: Andrew Rogerson, Charles Messing, Richard Dodge, and Tzachi Samocha (Texas A&M). Dec. 15.

### ***Thesis***

**Nicolle Marie Cushion**, “Determining Indicators and Methods to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Port Honduras Marine Reserve, Southern Belize. Committee Members:

David Gilliam, Richard Spieler, Patrick Hardigan, (SU Health Professions Division). Dec. 16.

**Aya Shinohara**, Competition of juvenile acropora on shallow reefs, Okinawa, Japan.” Committee members: Bernhard Riegl, Curtis Burney, and Robert Van Woesik, (Florida Institute of Technology). Dec. 13

### **Capstone**

**Amber Hester**, “Sea Turtles Use Multiple Cues for Seafinding, Offshore Migration, and Nest Site Selection: Urban Development Disrupts Cue Recognition.” Committee Members: Curtis Burney and Edward O. Keith. January 14.

### **Successful Entrepreneur Defends Dissertation**



*David McMahon (R) at his dissertation defense with Dr. Samocha*

**David McMahon** defended his Ph.D. dissertation on December 15. McMahon, who also received his Masters in Ocean Sciences specializing in Marine Biology and Coastal Zone Management from the Oceanographic Center in 1998, owns Ocean Boys Farms, a successful shrimp aquaculture business in Clewiston, Florida near Lake Okeechobee. Ocean Boy received the USDA Organic Seal for its shrimp products on July 9, 2004, and is now the largest commercially viable USDA Certified Organic producer of shrimp in the United States.

McMahon’s defense was titled, “*Commercial Protocols for the Inland Culture of Litopenaeus vannamei* (Boone 1931) (Crustacea; Decapoda; Penaeidae) in Zero-Exchange, Freshwater Systems.” The members of his committee were Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D., Charles Messing, Ph.D., Richard Dodge, Ph.D., and Tzachi Samocha, Ph.D. of the Shrimp Mariculture Research Facility at Texas A&M University’s Agricultural Experiment Station.

### **Ph.D. Degree Offered**

The Oceanographic Center offers a doctoral degree in oceanography/marine biology. The program requires a minimum of 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate. At least 48 credits must consist of dissertation research, and at least 42 credits must consist of upper-level coursework. Required courses

include the four M.S. core courses. Other upper-level coursework is usually in the tutorial mode with the major professor. Tuition is \$3,893 per quarter.

### **Giant Buoy Deployed**

MS Student, **Bill Baxley**, lead engineer at the South Florida Testing Facility, located adjacent to the Oceanographic Center at Port Everglades, recently directed the installation of a 50 ft diameter, 200,000 pound submarine mooring buoy in South Tongue of the Ocean (STOTO), Bahamas. The large buoy, which has sat at the SFTF Facility since 2003, was refurbished, repainted, and fitted with a variety of electronic systems, including a satellite GPS tracking system and solar power system. The buoy is used for the measurement of submarine noises at STOTO, and is part of the Navy's ship silencing program. The buoy has a 10 year lifespan, and is designed to survive hurricanes and other adverse weather conditions. Installed in 4500 ft of water, the buoy uses 2 5/8" mooring line and over 80,000 pounds of chain and anchor to hold it in place. The buoy allows for a very quiet platform to listen to submarines, without the associated sounds of a ship or other vessel.



*Crane moving buoy to the water.*

### **Beach Cleanup**

NSUOC volunteers were part of a 70 member strong volunteer group that assisted in exotic plant removal Saturday, February 5th. The event was organized by NSUOC SGA President, **Abe Smith** and Park Ranger, Carmen Duesler. Volunteers represented schools including NSU's Oceanographic Center, Environmental Law Society, and University School; University of Miami's Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS); Florida Atlantic University; Broward Community College; and several local Broward County High Schools. Volunteers removed truckloads of invasive plants including Brazilian peppers, Australian pines, and several other exotic species in the Ecosystem Restoration areas of John U. Lloyd State Park. Volunteers were rewarded with a BBQ sponsored by Dean Williams at the Oceanographic Center following the cleanup. Carmen Duesler has been working at the park for over 20 years and commented, "Thank you so much for your help. This is the biggest volunteer group we have ever had." Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and the park hopes that this cleanup will become an annual event. They welcome all the help they can get.

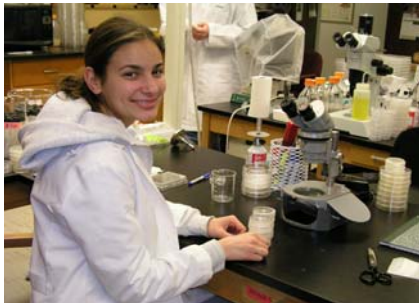


*Ecosystem Restoration area*

### **High School Students Collaborate with Researchers**

Three high school seniors from the University School of NSU have begun working on a scientific investigation in collaboration with researchers from the NSU Oceanographic Center. Sophie Buzgon, Justin Ben-Hain, and Tatianna Vassilopoulos (pictured left to right below) are participating in the project titled: Application of Culture Manipulation to Investigate Life Histories, Diversity and Ubiquity of Naked Filose Amoebae from Mangroves. Their training and research is being supervised by **Andrew Rogerson**, Ph.D. and his Ph.D. student **Tina Gwaltney**. In addition to training these students in microbiological techniques, the research objectives include:

- 1) To document the numbers of naked filose amoebae in mangrove waters
- 2) To identify (and name) novel species of filose amoebae
- 3) To investigate the notion that filose amoebae are stages in the life-cycle of dinoflagellates
- 4) To use culture manipulation to maximize the recovery of amoebae from mangrove samples; furthering the emerging database that suggests that protists are ubiquitous.



*Sophie Buzgon*



*Tatianna Vassilopoulos*



*Justin Ben-hain*

This research is being funded by the President's Faculty Research and Development Grant Program with matching support by Jerome Chermak Ed. D. of the University School and **Richard Dodge**, Ph.D. of the Oceanographic Center. The students will present their results at the annual Student Research Symposium to be held at NSU in April.

### **Two professors at Oceanographic Center are proud new U.S. citizens.**

**Andrew Rogerson**, Ph.D. and **Sasha Yankovsky**, Ph.D. each got their U.S. citizenship this year. Rogerson, originally from Scotland, received his in September, while Yankovsky, born in Russia, got his on December 15. Congratulations to both of them!!



*Sasha Yankovsky and Andrew Yankovsky in front of world map.*

### **Oceanographic Center Participates in Advisory Panel Regarding Cruise Ship Water Waste**

Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D. Associate Dean of the Oceanographic Center of NSU, attended the fourth meeting (April, 2005) of the science advisory panel on best practices for handling cruise ship grey and black water waste. The panel convened at Conservation International Headquarters in Washington DC. The International Council of Cruise Lines and its member partners have sponsored this independent panel to have science guide the decision making for dealing with wastewater management.



(L to R): Ellen Pragar, Ph.D., president of Earth2Ocean Inc.; Marlin Atkinson, Ph.D., professor at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; Tom Lacher, Ph.D., executive director of applied biodiversity, Conservation International; Al Debrot, Ph.D., research department head, Carmabi Foundation; Sylvia Earle, Ph.D., executive director marine conservation, Conservation International; Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D., associate dean Oceanographic Center; Charles McGee, Ph.D., supervisor sanitation, Orange County, California.

### **Oceanographic Center Conservation Research Benefits from Guy Harvey Mural**



Renowned marine wildlife artist and conservationist, Guy Harvey, Ph.D., has painted a mural at Terminal 1 of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The three-story-high artwork, measuring approximately 40' x 60' and extending from the floor to the ceiling, was unveiled on Tuesday, April 19, after nearly one year of work.

The image Guy Harvey created includes the skyline of downtown Fort Lauderdale and an underwater scene featuring a sunken freighter that functions as an artificial reef, and an assortment of marine species indigenous to South Florida's waters. The process of creating this scale of artwork required covering the airport terminal wall with sheets of metal in order to create a "canvas." At that point, the metal sheets were covered with vinyl on which Guy Harvey painted an underwater scene that emulates the beauty of our oceans.

A portion of the proceeds received for the mural will be donated to the Guy Harvey Research Institute at NSU's Oceanographic Center to support its internationally recognized research in marine conservation.

Information on studies being conducted at the Guy Harvey Research Institute can be found at <http://www.nova.edu/ocean/ghri/>.

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES**

### **National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated NSU as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education**

On March 24, 2005, the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security designated NSU as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. This designation makes NSU part of a select group of universities across the country awarded this distinction. The goal in establishing such centers is to reduce vulnerability in our national information infrastructure by promoting higher education in information assurance (IA) and producing more professionals with IA expertise in various disciplines. NSA and DHS have established 67 such centers of excellence in the U.S. in 27 states. The only other university with that distinction in Florida is FSU. Examples of other centers include Stanford, Georgia Tech, Johns Hopkins, Carnegie Mellon, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, University of Illinois, University of North Carolina, University of Massachusetts, and SUNY at Stony Brook.

As a result of this designation, NSU students will be eligible for scholarships and grants under two programs: (1) Department of Defense (DoD) Information Assurance Scholarship Program, and (2) the Federal Cyber Service Scholarship for Service Program (SFS). In addition, NSU faculty and staff will be eligible for grants and contracts from NSA and DoD.

Below is a very brief summary of NSU's capabilities and recent accomplishments in IA:

**Academic Programs:** NSU offers three master's degree specializations in IA, a master of science degree in information security, two graduate certificate programs in IA, two Ph.D. concentrations in IA, and a range of IA courses in non-IA graduate programs (law, business, criminal justice, and medical informatics). Most of our IA courses are also offered online and reach every corner of the U.S.

**Research:** Over the last few years, NSU faculty authored 16 papers in IA that were published in journals or presented at major technical conferences. Currently, 15 Ph.D. students are writing dissertations in IA, and graduate students have completed more than 30 IA research projects.

**State-of-the-Art Resources:** NSU has established an online IA repository that provides access to both historical IA material and current research material from NSU and other academic IA research centers. It also provides access to seminal IA-related documents collected at other centers of excellence and IA papers presented at major conferences. In addition, NSU recently created an IA laboratory to be a significant research and teaching facility. Its advanced computer system facilitates research in new IA technologies. In mid-2005, it will be connected to the Florida Lambda Rail. The laboratory is also dedicated for use in partnerships with other institutions.

NSU looks forward to its new role as a center of excellence in information assurance and providing a greater level of service and expertise to the nation in this critical area.

### **NSU Hosted IEEE SoutheastCon 2005 Conference on April 8-10, 2005**

SoutheastCon is the annual Region 3\* conference of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). It brings together electrical engineers, computer engineers, and computer scientists to share the latest technology through the presentation of papers and tutorials. The 2005 conference, held at the

Marriott Marina in Fort Lauderdale, had over 1000 attendees. It included 114 technical papers as well as student competitions in robotics and programming. NSU's President Ray Ferrero presented the keynote address at the conference banquet which was attended by 517 people. Of the 114 papers presented, 19 were authored by NSU faculty and students. Dr. Eric Ackerman, assistant dean and director of graduate programs for SCIS was general chair of the conference. He is vice chair of IEEE Region 3 for student activities.

\*IEEE Region 3 encompasses the southeastern United States and includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, areas of Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the country of Jamaica.

## **SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

New Student Orientation was held on April 15. The orientation included a welcome message from the SHSS Leadership Team, learning community exercises, a tour of the East Campus, and an introduction to library services and WebCt, which will be utilized for online classes. A comprehensive, interactive lecture was given to prepare the students for the technology demands of graduate study.

SHSS held a combination Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills Workshops for students on March 16 and 17. The workshop was presented by Patrick Madsen, NSU Career Services. The workshop helped prepare students for the upcoming Internship/Practicum Fair.

The following individuals were chosen as finalists for the 2005 Student Life Achievement Awards:

- Fanya Jabouin-Monnay – Alumnus of the Year
- Robert Hosea – Student of the Year
- Debra Nixon – Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year
- Student Association – Graduate Organization of the Year
- Whole Foods – Corporate Partner of the Year
- Marcia Sweedler – Professor of the Year
- Honggang Yang – Academic Dean of the Year

The 2005 Internship/Practicum Fair will be held in the Alumni Hall Auditorium on May 6. This Fair helps SHSS students secure internships and practicums as well as jobs after graduation. It also gives the community partners and agencies a platform to publicize their works and projects.

### **Faculty Activities**

**Dr. Tommie Boyd, Chair of the Department of Family Therapy/Assistant Professor of Family Therapy and Family Systems Healthcare**, presented a workshop in Tampa at the University of South Florida on "How to become a Registered Intern and Licensure Updates" on April 2.

**Dr. Chris Burnett, Assistant Professor of Family Therapy**, was recently invited to be a guest presenter for the prestigious American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Winter Institutes for Advanced Clinical Training, held this year in Panama City, Florida from March 2nd - 6th, 2005. The AAMFT Advanced Clinical Institutes are recognized as being the profession's highest profile continuing education forum, and this is the second time in 4 years that Dr. Burnett has been invited to participate as a faculty member.

The title of Dr. Burnett's 4 day workshop was "*MFT's in the Corporate Marketplace: Systems Thinking and Organizational Consulting*". During his training, Dr. Burnett utilized his knowledge of cybernetic

systems, language systems, and natural systems metaphors to help participants translate their clinically based human relationship skills into settings and contexts outside of the therapy setting. Drawing upon his own experiences as a "Human Systems Consultant", Dr. Burnett also shared with participants case studies drawn from his own work in corporate, governmental, not-for-profit, and family business settings. In doing so, he demonstrated how systems thinking can be successfully applied across the widest variety of situations when the common goal of doing so is the betterment of human relationships.

Dr. Burnett's term as director of the Doctoral Programs in Family Therapy ended as of April 1, 2005. He has resumed his full-time faculty position.

**Dr. Julia Chaitin, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies**, spent the winter semester on leave in Israel. While in Israel, Dr. Chaitin has been:

- Writing a book on social, cultural, and political issues connected to Israel and Kibbutz Life - the tentative title is "Notes from Israel and the Kibbutz: Reflections of a Jewish-American-Israeli Woman."
- Participating in activities connected to peace/co-existence with Israeli Bedouin and Palestinians.
- Chaired a panel discussion on "Visual representation - Modes of Opposition" at a one-day conference that was held at Ben Gurion University of the Negev on March 5, 2005. The name of the conference was: "Violence and Opposition in the Israeli-Palestinian Context."
- Working on an article: "Undertaking Qualitative Methodology in Complex, Conflictual Societies" together with Dr. Lea Kacen of BGU.

**Dr. Pat Cole, Associate Professor Family Therapy and Family Business**, and Kit Johnson, Ph.D., Barry University, presented the workshop, Resilient Relationships: Working with a Partner after Divorce, on April 1, 2005 at the Barry University Annual Alumni Conference. This is the first of 5 presentations, based on their collaborative research project that they will present throughout the year.

**Dr. Mark Davidheiser, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology**, traveled to Guilford to give a talk entitled: "The Anthropology of Mediation: Peace Studies and the Comparative Perspective." Invited presenter for panel "Perspectives on Multicultural Conflict Resolution," Greensboro Peace Coalition, Guilford College Peace and Conflict Studies program, and The Conflict Resolution Resource Center, Greensboro, NC, April 2005. Dr. Davidheiser will also speak to two classes, one about mediation and one about African Studies, as well as to a group of students about graduate school and career options. Recent published articles include:

- Davidheiser, M. (2006). "Harmony, Peacemaking, and Power: Controlling Processes and African Mediation." Forthcoming in *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*. 23:2.
- Davidheiser, M. (2006). "Fictive Kinship and Conflict Resolution: The Role and Uses of 'Tradition' In Gambian Peacemaking." *Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines*. Forthcoming special issue.
- Davidheiser, M. (2005). "Mediation and Multiculturalism: Domestic and International Challenges." *Intractable Conflict Knowledge Base*. Available online at [www.beyondintractability.org/m/mediation\\_multiculturalism.jsp](http://www.beyondintractability.org/m/mediation_multiculturalism.jsp).

Presentations:

- "Joking for Peace: The Remaking of Social Institutions in West African Rural Conflict Management." Invited presenter and participant in special colloquium "The Politics of Joking Kinships." Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Oct. 2005.

- "Conflict and Culture: A Critique of Contemporary Concepts and Categories," Fourth Biennial International Conference of the International Academy for Intercultural Research, Kent, OH, May 2005.

**Dr. Fran Fassman, Associate Principle Investigator for the Community Nutrition Awareness Project (CNAP),** left SHSS on March 24. She has relocated to Manhattan, NY and will be working as a copyeditor.

**Dr. Douglas Flemons, Director of Brief Therapy Institute and NSU Student Counseling/ Professor of Family Therapy** recently published articles/book chapters:

- Flemons, D. (2005). Hypnosis and Relaxation Scripting. In G. P. Koocher, J. C. Norcross, & S. S. Hill (Eds.), *Psychologists' desk reference (2nd ed.)* (pp. 332-337). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Flemons, D. (2005). May the Pattern be with you. *Cybernetics and Human Knowing*, 12(1&2).
- Green, S., & Flemons, D. (2005). *From Lingua Franca to Scriptio Animi: Carolyn Ellis's writing of the heart*. In N. Denzin (Ed.), *Studies in Symbolic Interaction: A Research Annual*, Vol. 28. New York: Elsevier.

Dr. Flemon's presentations included:

- Flemons, D. (2004, Dec.). *Hypnotherapy as a Jazz Duet: Principles of Improvisation*. 3-hour workshop presented at The Ninth International Congress on Ericksonian Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Flemons, D., & Green, S. (2005, Feb.). *Quickies: Brief Approaches to Sex Therapy*. 6-hour keynote for the Kentucky Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Louisville, KY.

**Drs. Shelley Green, Associate Professor of Family Therapy and Douglas Flemons,** co-presented: Flemons, D., & Green, S. (2005, Feb.). *Quickies: Brief Approaches to Sex Therapy*. 6-hour keynote for the Kentucky Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Louisville, KY.

**Dr. James Hibel, Director, Institutional Assessment, Planning and Relations and Assistant Professor of Family Therapy,** will be attending the Association for Institutional Research's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum in San Diego, CA on May 27. The association's mission is to improve higher education.

**Dr. John Linstroth, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology,** was invited to a Peace Conference in Spain to give a talk on April 27. Dr. Linstroth also gave a speech at the American Anthropological Association in Atlanta, GA on December 17.

### **Staff Activities**

**Cassandre Damas,** joined SHSS on March 7 as the new receptionist/administrative assistant.

**Adam Matheson** was promoted from a work study position at SHSS to the role of Administrative Assistant of Administrative Operations.

**Lisa Wallen, Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs,** will be leaving SHSS and has accepted a position as Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs at NSU effective April 25, 2005. She will assist Drs. Brad Williams and Gay Holliday in the day-to-day operations of their offices.

## **Student News**

DCAR and the DCAR Action Network Student Group planned a "Bowling and Pizza Get Together" for DCAR students, SHSS Faculty and Staff and their families on March 6.

The 2005-2006 Student Association Officers are:

- President: Brandi Suttles
- Vice President: Mariely Ordonez
- DCAR Student Representative: Michelle Manley
- DFT Student Representative: Jason McGuire
- Online Student Representative: Marina Stonewall

## **Alumni News**

**Jane Dye, Ph.D., DFT Alumna**, is in private practice in Lake Worth, FL. Recently, her local newspaper wrote an article about her practice and the use of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) for hurricane post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms.

**Jeff Krepps, Ph.D., DFT Alumnus**, began a position as an Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at East Carolina University in the Department of Child Development and Family Relations in August 2004.

**Bini Litwin, Ph.D., M.B.A., DCAR Alumna**, was recently selected to attend a Cultural Diversity Summer Institute offered through the University of Southern California from July 6-9, 2005. This project is sponsored by a grant from the Bureau of Health Professions and is designed to support academic and clinical faculty from the professions of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Dental Hygiene who are interested in integrating cultural competence into curricula and community or clinical experiences to enable students to provide culturally competent care. I will be attending the Institute as part of an interdisciplinary team comprised of 2 physical therapists and 2 occupational therapists.

**Dr. Florence Ross, DCAR Alumna**, was featured in a March 20<sup>th</sup> article in the Miami Herald entitled "Senior Leads crusade for world peace." Dr. Ross' is a founding member of the Institute for Peacemaking Elders housed at SHSS.

## **SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Law Auction**

The Public Interest Law Society Chapter (PILS) hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Law Auction on Friday, March 18. Money raised was dedicated to funding fellowships for students who devote their time to work as legal interns for public interest organizations. Due to budget constraints, most organizations that assist indigent and poor individuals are understaffed and unable to compensate legal interns. Proceeds from the auction also enable law students to aid local organizations in providing quality legal service to those who would otherwise be unable to afford them.

### **Student Bar Association named the University's Outstanding Graduate Student Organization.**

The Student Bar Association, under the leadership of President Karey Bosack, 3L, was named the University's Outstanding Graduate Student Organization. All students are members of the Student Bar Association. Each year the student body elects the SBA

Council from all class levels. Essentially fulfilling the role of student government, the SBA Council acts as the voice of the student body, bringing forth concerns and student perspectives to the administration. Additionally, the SBA Council works closely with the faculty, administration and the Law Center's many organization executive boards to promote a positive law school experience.

### **Student Bar Initiative (SBI)**

The Student Bar Initiative, a new student organization, was unanimously approved by faculty members. Founding president, Eric Rosen, 1L, set forth SBI's mission as providing students with a variety of resources for the specific purpose of encouraging and ending in each member passing the bar exam on his/her first try. All student members of the Student Bar Initiative shall complete a Membership Pledge Form. The Membership Pledge Form shall act as a "good faith" covenant. SBI consists of a faculty committee, chaired by Professor Phyllis Coleman, and a student committee. Financial support for this program will come from the Board of Governors and faculty members.

### **4th DCA**

The Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal heard oral arguments in the Law Center courtroom on March 15. The panel included Judge Melanie May '81, and Judges Robert M. Gross and Martha C. Warner. Arguments were followed by a question and answer session and lunch with Law Center faculty members and students. The event was sponsored by the Moot Court Society.

Pro Bono Honor Program provides more than 11,600 hours to the community

The Law Center recently honored the Class of 2005 for their outstanding participation in the Pro Bono Honor Program. Thirteen graduates completed over 300 hours of service; twenty-five graduates completed 125 to 299 hours of service; and thirty-six graduates completed from 50 to 124 hours of service providing, in total, more than 11,600 hours of pro bono service to the community. The goals of the Pro Bono Honor Program are to educate students in the role of public service attorneys, make students aware of critically unmet needs in their communities, assist agencies in trying to meet these needs, and build a tradition of pro bono work that will accompany students into their professional careers.

### **Faculty News**

Professor Stephanie Aleong, M.H.L. director, and former Health Care Fraud Priority leader for the state of Florida at the Office of Statewide Prosecution, is the subject of a new book. Harcourt Press is releasing *Dangerous Doses: How Counterfeiters are Contaminating America's Drug Supply*, by Katherine Eban, on May 9. The book centers around a string of prosecutions Stephanie Aleong began in her former position with the state of Florida. Eban is a New York Times reporter who spent two years interviewing Aleong, her team of investigators, and more than 200 other individuals. Vanity Fair has purchased a segment of the book, and that segment appears in the May issue of Vanity Fair, on newsstands April 12. As a result of the events that the book relates, Steven Israel, a U.S. Representative from the state of New York, will be introducing legislation in Congress calling for the requirement of pedigree papers to travel with all pharmaceuticals sold in the United States. Aleong will be attending a press conference with Israel on May 9 in New York to launch both the book and the legislation. She will stay on to do further publicity in the city with both Eban and Israel. We are pleased to announce that Eban has agreed to speak at NSU's M.H.L. graduation in July.

Professor Kathy L. Cerminara worked with congressional staffers attempting to help them describe to their congressmen/women what transpired historically in the Terry Shiavo case. She was quoted in the Orlando Sentinel, Tampa Tribune, Sun-Sentinel, and The Miami Herald, and appeared on NBC 6 News, CBS 4, ABC News, CNN, WILM radio, and ABC Radio News. The staff of the Florida House Health

Care Regulation Committee has asked Professor Cerminara to submit an analysis of proposed changes to chapter 765 (H701, introduced 2/18/05, as another response to the Schiavo matters).

Professor Donna Litman was appointed chair of the Tax Certification Committee for The Florida Bar. This appointment was by the President of The Florida Bar effective July 1.

Professor Elena Marty-Nelson was quoted in The New York Times regarding the new bankruptcy law.

### **Faculty & Staff Publications**

Cerminara, Kathy L., *With Schiavo, Congress Thumbs Nose at Courts*, Orlando Sentinel, March 23, 2005.

Cerminara, Kathy L., *Unique Circumstances, Broad Lessons*, The Harvard Crimson, March 25, 2005.

Cerminara, Kathy L., *Commentary*, Broward Daily Business Review  
Pg. 13 Vol. 46 No. 69, March 18, 2005 Friday.

Chase, Tony, *Marxism and International Law*, forthcoming in HISTORICAL MATERIALISM, Volume 13, no. 1.

Cross, Jane, *The Bar Examination in Black and White: The Black-White Bar Passage Gap and the Implications for Minority Admissions to the Legal Professions*, 18 Nat'l Black L.J. 63 (2004-2005).

Grosso, Richard and Hartsell, Robert, *Old McDonald Still Has a Farm: Agricultural Property Rights After the Veto of S.B. 1712*, The Florida Bar Journal, March 2005, at 41.

Handelman, Gwen, co-authored, *Ethics, Privilege and Related Issues in Employee Benefits Practice*, reprinted in Fundamentals of Employee Benefits Law, Annual ALI-ABA Course of Study, San Antonio, Texas, March 3-5, 2005.

Litman, Donna, *The Interrelationship Between the Elective Share and the Marital Deduction*, forthcoming in Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal, American Bar Association, Volume 40, Issue 3 (Fall 2005).

Marty-Nelson, Elena, *Asset Protection; Future of Asset Protection Trusts Unclear*, Daily Business Review, March 30, 2005.

Mintz, Joel, *Neither the Best of Times Nor the Worst of Times: EPA Enforcement During the Clinton Administration*, forthcoming in Environmental Law Reporter, (June 2005).

Richmond, Gail, co-authored, *The American Jobs Creation Act's Impact on Individual Investors: A Monster of Complexity?*, 22 Journal of Taxation of Investments 187 (2005).

Rohr, Marc, *And Congress Said 'Let There Be Religious Land Use': A RLUIPA Primer*, to be reprinted in the Minnesota Real Estate Law Journal, 2005.

### **UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NSU**

Making the grade and having a heart of gold are two components recognized by the Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald Silver Knight Awards. This year, NSU's University School boasts ten students who will

compete for the prestigious Silver Knight Awards. These University School students have shown their teachers, parents, and peers how to make a difference in other people's lives.

The Silver Knights awards program recognizes outstanding students who have not only maintained good grades, but who have applied their special knowledge and talents to contribute service to their school and community. This year's nominees are: **L. E. Odom** (Vocational Technical), **Jo-Jo Osceola** (Foreign Language), **Samantha Book** (Social Science), **Cristina Calvar** (English), **Karin Freed** (Athletics), **Stephanie Simon** (General Scholarship), **Matt Kligerman** (Business), **Amanda Murphy** (Drama) **Jonathan Grilli** (Music) and **Elana Fishman** (Journalism).

Award recipients will be announced May 3 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

University School offers its faculty an opportunity to develop an innovative teaching idea or project that can be shared with other teachers. PIE (Projects for Instructional Excellence) refers to best practices and innovative instruction that is presented to at least 15 students and implemented three times per week during a four to twelve-week period. Based on a review committee's recommendation, a faculty member's efforts are rewarded with a stipend up to \$750.00, funded through our Annual Fund.

At this time, 16 Lower School projects, 6 Middle School projects, and 5 Upper School projects have been submitted for consideration.

This year, University School began a unique final project program for senior students, called the Senior Capstone Project, which allows each senior the opportunity to intern in areas that focus on business, medicine, law, education, and food service.

The Project is directed under the supervision of Upper School Director **Peter Sanders** and Faculty Development Coordinator and teacher **Margie Chiarolanzio**.

Collaborating with partners from the NSU campus, as well as in the community, each project was carefully chosen so that this capstone experience would provide each senior the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge gained throughout their education, as well as acquire hands-on experience in an area of special interest. Examples of ongoing projects are Allison Newman, Danielle Steinberg and Ari Oliver's internship at the Mailman Segal-Family Center Institute Pre-School Infant Toddler Program and Ali Jaffer, Brandon Parker and Daniel Bernstein's research with Dr. Arthur DeCarlo at HPD.

The Performing Arts Mentorship Program offered at University School provides opportunities for Middle School actors to be trained and coached by Upper School classmen from the student production staff of directors, conductors, choreographers, and stage managers.

This year's Middle School production of "The Music Man", which was part of the Mentorship Program, was sold out for all three performances at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

Congratulations to the following Upper School athletes who were recognized by the Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel All-County Broward winter sports teams:

- **Tasha Osceola** received Honorable Mention honors (Miami Herald) and **Jo-Jo Osceola** received Honorable Mention honors (Sun-Sentinel) for girls basketball,
- **Craig Hammitt** and **Danny Bernstein** received Honorable Mention honors (Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel) for boys basketball,

- **Jackie Tate** was recognized on the Third Team (Miami Herald) for girls soccer.

Three University School senior athletes won national recognition in the National Institute of Swimming Coaches (NISCA) Academic All-American competition. Qualifications include maintaining a varsity letter for at least two years, and having a minimum overall GPA of 3.75 for seven semesters. Congratulations to **Jonathan Grilli, L.E. Odom, and Andrew Fliegenspan.**

When **Daniela Abratt** and **Jenna Iden** proposed a food drive benefiting The Cooperative Feeding Program, they never imagined some thirty boxes of groceries would be collected. The estimated value of food that the drivers picked up in March from the Dauer Building was well over \$900. According to faculty member Fleurette Hackshaw, supervisor to NJHS (National Junior Honor Society), where Abratt and Iden’s plan was first proposed, the two students organized the drive almost single handedly, distributed flyers, and arranged for the cartons to be picked up at the Dauer Building. University School has a 17-year history of supporting this worthy cause.

For **Brian Goldstein**, a junior at University School of NSU, playing the board game of bishops and knights is an integral part of life—and he has the trophies, awards, and numerous accolades to show for it.

Brian has been playing chess since he was in the first-grade - winning his first tournament the next year, and tying for first place at the Florida Scholastic Chess Championship when he was in the 5th, 7th and 11th grades. In addition, he placed second at the National Scholastic Chess Championship when he was in the 7th, 8th and 10th grades.

The 2004-2005 Marine Biology classes of the University School of NSU recently completed their fund-raising project to benefit the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program coordinated by Curtis Burney, Ph.D. of the NSU Oceanographic Center. Student representatives **Sophie Buzgon** and **Tatianna Vassilopoulos** presented Stefanie Ouellette, Turtle Project Manager, with a check for \$730.00 to benefit the project for the upcoming 2005 nesting season.

The money was raised through the sale of student-crafted ceramic sea turtle hatchlings and turtle adoption certificates. Additionally, the students created a life-size marine turtle nesting display, which was viewed throughout the summer by visitors to the Anne Kolb Nature Center in West Lake Park, Hollywood.

## HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

The Health Professions Division Office of Institutional Advancement would like to report the following:

A.	Income	
	Doctors Hospital Foundation	\$250,000.00
	CVS Corporation	5,000.00
	Atlantic Dental, Inc.	5,000.00
	Donations \$1,000 and under	17,150.00
	Bal Fantastique	Pending

- B. Mark you calendars for the next Bal Fantastique: March 18, 2006

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, a full field of golfers, including community leaders, sports celebrities and health

professionals, gathered at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club to participate in the first annual “Fore the Kids” Saving Lives” Charity Golf Classic to benefit the Institute of Child Health Policy at Nova Southeastern University. The Second Annual “Fore the Kids: Saving Lives” golf tournament is scheduled for March 20, 2006.

Initiatives are underway with HPD to begin the development of background checks on our health professions students. We are working very closely with Ms. Robin Supler in this endeavor.

## **THE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

The College of Osteopathic Medicine submitted a substantive change request to the American Osteopathic Association for an increase in class size to 230 students. The American Osteopathic Association approved this request for an increased class size.

The Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education (CEME) continues to prepare for their upcoming full accreditation site visit which is scheduled for September 22 and 23, 2005. The various sites are submitting information to the Executive Director for inclusion and completion of the Self-Study document.

The Public Health Program was notified that they will be undergoing a site visit in April, 2006.

The Research Team which works with our recently hired Medical Researcher, Dr. Fernandez, has joined the College of Osteopathic Medicine. A portion of these researchers will be located in the South Beach office. There are a total of 10 researchers.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine have held seven (7) programs on Bioterrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction Preparedness around the State of Florida. Evaluations received as a result of these programs have been “excellent”. A conference call was held with the Department of Health and as a result, we are now developing a program for them that we believe will lead to another 3-year contract totaling an estimated \$450-500 thousand dollars.

The General Counsel of India was on the NSU campus visiting with key individuals about Osteopathic medicine in India. The General Counsel made a presentation to the first and second year medical students as well as presented to the faculty. This visit was instigated by one of the College of Osteopathic Medicine alumni.

The AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER has been working with our medical school partners throughout the State in efforts to maximize our AHEC Network appropriation. At this time, it appears that our efforts have been extremely successful in securing over \$12.1 million for AHECs statewide. We are therefore projecting an NSU AHEC core contract award of nearly \$2.6 million for the period July, 2005 - June, 2006.

Our AHEC and HETC Programs played a key role in the planning and implementation of two major health fairs in the rural communities of Belle Glade and Clewiston. Nearly 190 faculty and students from several HPD Colleges and Programs actively participated in this rural outreach effort, in partnership with approximately 150 community organizations. These fairs, provided

nearly 1,500 local residents with a broad range of medical, dental, vision, and bone density screenings as well as pharmacy, health education and referral services.

Through our AHEC Tobacco Prevention/Cessation Project, numerous HPD faculty from Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Public Health have been involved in the training of nearly 400 students in this critical disease prevention area, bringing the total number of HPD students trained to-date through this effort to well over 1,500. This Spring, these students will have provided tobacco education to nearly 15,000 children in over 50 public middle and high schools in Broward County and in Puerto Rico, bringing the total number of public school children impacted during the last five years of this effort to nearly 70,000.

AHEC hosted a major weekend-long Health Policy Seminar as part of the 2004-2005 Health Policy Fellowship Program. The Seminar, which was entitled "Vulnerable Populations," was one of a Series of Weekend Seminars held throughout the nation. Several members of the NSUCOM faculty as well as prominent state and community health providers served as presenters at this highly successful event. Among the presenters invited to participate in this year's program was Nancy Humbert, A.R.N.P., M.S.N., Deputy Secretary in the Florida Department of Health.

Our HETC Program has continued to coordinate the development of a major statewide Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative in collaboration with the Florida AHEC Network. In fulfilling our commitment to the Florida Department of Health, to-date over 130 CHWs have received training throughout the State to provide health education services on the prevention of cardiovascular disease and obesity in predominantly immigrant and minority communities.

This June, approximately 100 predominantly rural and minority students from throughout our South and Central Florida service areas will participate in our nationally recognized AHEC Health Careers Camps. Health Professions Division students will once again work with our AHEC Camps during these Summer Sessions. To-date, over 1,300 students have already participated in these Health Careers Camps.

We will be collaborating with the Department of Rural Medicine in the upcoming NSUCOM/AHEC Rural Retreat for community providers. This Retreat brings together preceptors from over a dozen AHEC rural medicine training sites with faculty and administrators from the College. As in previous years, the upcoming Retreat will provide continuing education programming focusing on major AHEC priorities.

AHEC continues to work with the HPD College of Dental Medicine to actively support the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residency training in underserved communities throughout South Florida. Through these service/learning rotations at community health centers, we will further enhance access to dental primary care services for indigent populations in Fort Pierce, Immokalee/Golden Gate, and Fort Myers.

AHEC continues to play a major role, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health and the National Health Service Corps, in enhancing workforce recruitment efforts for medically needy communities while providing disadvantaged students with opportunities to support their

education. To-date, approximately 140 NSU Osteopathic Medical students and Physician Assistant students have benefited from the NHSC Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs by agreeing to practice in high priority underserved areas throughout the state and nation.

Cyril Blavo, Program Director of the Master of Public Health Program, received the Heart Award for Exemplary Service to children in Broward County by the Broward County Children's Consortium.

Dr. Cyril Blavo was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Mayor of Miami-Dade county for his contribution to the arts in South Florida.

Dr. Cyril Blavo has been appointed to Florida Pediatric Society advisory council for the new Florida Immunization Registry.

### **THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

The College of Pharmacy will provide new services commencing on March 1, 2005 for Bayview Center for Mental Health – 40 new clients/patients will be serviced out of our Davie Pharmacy. Also, for April 15, 2005 “Medication Therapy Management” services will be provided for approx. 15 of these patients. Additionally, new services commencing April 2005 for Gulfcoast Jewish Family Services – administering their District X Indigent Drug Program.

The College of Pharmacy achieved a 100% passing rate on the most recent NAPLEX report.

Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico site visit on March 14-15, 2005 for the reauthorization of NSU's license in Puerto Rico resulted in an excellent report from the Council on our post-baccalaureate program.

### **THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

The College of Optometry is actively reviewing and preparing to address the suggestions in the November 2004 ACOE accreditation site visit. The accreditation report cited full accreditation with no recommendations. The next site visit is scheduled for Fall 2012.

Dr. Richard Dix, who joined the College of Optometry faculty in November, has been named Director of Research. Last month, Dr. Dix received a competitive NIH NEI research grant. He is in the process of moving equipment into his assigned laboratory space.

The Student Volunteers in Optometric Services to Humanity (SVOSH) organization recently completed a mission trip to Carapungo, Ecuador. The SVOSH team consisted of 18 students, 5 optometrists, 1 optician, and 3 other volunteers. Eye examinations were given over a 4 day period. Glasses were distributed to those in need, along with medications and referrals to those diagnosed with diseases or other ocular anomalies. Over 1000 patients were seen in 5 days. This trip was a great success, the team having met all of their goals and expectations.

### **THE COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING**

The College of Allied Health and Nursing received Provisional Accreditation by ARC-PA for Naples Physician Assistant Program on March 20, 2005. Provisional Accreditation is a requirement of all newly formed PA programs prior to program start.

The International College / NSU building received the certificate of occupancy and is now open for business. Faculty and staff from the College of Allied Health and Nursing's Nursing Program and Physician Assistant Program have been relocated from the temporary NSU offices in Bonita Springs.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Audiology Program was awarded a contract to provide hearing and balance services for the North Broward Hospital Neuro-Diagnostic Center.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Fort Lauderdale Physician Assistant program gained approval to formally retire the former dual-degree format whereby students received both BS (Physician Assistant) and MMS degrees upon completion. Effective with the entering class in 2006, only the MMS (Physician Assistant) degree will be awarded. An option Baccalaureate completion program has been established through Farquhar for those students who matriculate without having completed an undergraduate degree.

Talks are underway between the Dean's and Associate Dean's of the Law School and College of Allied Health and Nursing to develop a concentration in Health Law for both the Masters and the Doctoral Program's in Health Science.

In March, 2005 Dr. Barry Freeman, Program Director of the Audiology Program of the College of Allied Health and Nursing presented testimony on behalf of Doctor of Audiology programs at NSU, University of Florida, and University of South Florida to the Florida Senate Health Care Committee on proposed legislative changes to the state license law.

Dr. Rick Davis, Dean of the College of Allied Health and Nursing presented testimony before the Florida legislature on the topic of Nursing shortages.

Students from the College of Allied Health and Nursing accompanied Professor Michael Funk to Peru and took part in all, or part, of the DOCARE Medical Program.

## **THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE**

The College of Dental Medicine reports that thirty-six (36) out of forty (40) students passed the Western Regional Boards in March, fifty (50) out of fifty-three (53) students passed the Florida Boards in April and seven (7) out of seven (7) students passed the Canadian Boards

The College of Dental Medicine Continuing Education Department held forty-nine courses between August 31, 2004 and March 31, 2005. Twenty-six of these courses were hands on participation courses, while the remaining twenty-three were presented in lecture format. Gross income for this time period was \$212,877, while serving a total of 910 dental professionals. Eleven programs still remain scheduled for the spring of 2005.

The College of Dental Medicine's Continuing Education Department presented the course: Fundamentals of Implant Surgery, offered by Dr. Robert London, Director of Post Graduate Periodontics, at Nova Southeastern University, has been a very successful course. The lectures were held at the Renaissance Hotel in Plantation, Florida. This was the first course that we moved off campus, since it involved weekdays and we were unable to obtain lecture halls on campus. The facility worked perfectly. The hands-on cadaver portion was held in the NSU Anatomy Lab, on Saturday and Sunday. This six-day course attracted dentists from all over the world. The course was repeated again in February 2005 at the NSU Alvin Sherman Library. Registration increased from 14 participants in August 2004 to 24 participants in February 2005.

In March, the College of Dental Medicine's Continuing Education Department, hosted our first CE Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas. The cruise departed from Miami and spent ten days cruising to and from the Panama Canal. Seventy-two people joined this NSU CE cruise. The feedback was excellent and more cruises will be arranged within the next several years. In addition, an education (Continued Education) ski trip for March 2006 is being planned.

The College of Dental Medicine's Continuing Education Department will be co-sponsoring a joint course with Delta Dental Insurance Company for faculty as well as Delta Dental Care providers June 3, 2005. An internationally recognized speaker, Ms. Marilyn Moats Kennedy, will be the morning speaker. In the afternoon, Drs. Michael Siegel and Bruce Miller, of our dental faculty, will present lectures involving current topics in Oral Medicine and Prosthodontics.

## **HEALTH CARE CENTER**

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Occupational Therapy program is now providing clinical occupational services at Pembroke Pines Senior Center at S.W. Focal Point expanding the services of Geriatric Medicine, Psychology and general lecture programs offered by the University to the senior citizens of that city.

In alliance with a national initiative as to suicide prevention, clinical faculty at Nova Southeastern University has launched a campus-wide Suicide Awareness and Prevention initiative. Anyone affiliated with NSU, including students, staff, and faculty will undergo this training. The objectives are to: 1) put suicide in perspective, 2) recognize an individual's suicide potential, 3) take steps to prevent suicides, and 4) learn about suicide prevention resources. Members of the Suicide Prevention and Awareness task force are: Dr. Robert Oller (Clinical Operations), Dr. Douglas Flemons (SHSS) Dr. Roxanne Bamond (SHSS), Dr. Gene Cash (CPS), Dr. Yukari Tomazoma (CPS), and Dr. Michelle Gagnon (HPD). Training has already taken place for NSU residential students as well as faculty and staff in the College and Clinics of Optometry, and will continue campus-wide.

Clinical operations and directors of the student mental health center have expanded our relationship with the North Broward District by meeting with their Mental health team to assist in managing students who may require hospitalization as a result of severe mental health issues.

The University has re-contracted with the Chickering group to provide health care insurance for our students. This year we were able to expand some of the benefits while keeping the premium well below national rates. In addition with the expansion of health care services provided to our students, a new position has been approved to assist in issues related to health care insurance, immunization requirements and coordination of students general health care needs.

The Crossroads Group which was engaged to provide an assessment of its Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine Clinics (Davie Campus) has completed the first stage of their evaluation as to patient flow. Specifically, The Group had been asked to identify opportunities to improve the flow of patients through the clinics, with an emphasis on reducing non-value-added activities, eliminating delays, improving capacity, and better allocating material and human resources, without compromising quality of care or the organization's educational mission. The group is now in the process of forming a task force committee made up of faculty and staff to improve patient services.

The clinical health centers of the Health Profession's Division provided 140,000 patient encounters for clinical teachings through the first 9 months of this fiscal year.

The Health Professions Division and other clinical programs at Nova Southeastern University have been asked by the Human Resource's department to take an active role in developing and implementing a university wide wellness program. The kick off of this campaign began with a University wide health fair with screening and lectures held on April 21st.

Clinical operations and various disciplines have been meeting with representatives of the Broward County School District to explore possibilities for the University to assist in providing health care services for their students. Currently Optometry has been providing formal screenings and services for the schools. It is hoped that we will be able to expand these services to include Dental and Psychology. In February, Dr. Nilsa Toledo and Dr. Robert Oller represented the University in a wellness program presented at Monarch High School in Coconut Creek for the Broward County Public schools.