Geriatric Collaboration Wins National Award

NSU-COM’s commitment to partner with local community service agencies to provide vital health care services and enhance its students’ education was recognized with an Innovation Award in July during the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging 34th Annual Conference, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The award was presented to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Broward County’s Senior Intervention and Education Program for outstanding exemplification of both innovation and sound management practices that can be emulated by the aging services network.

Through its collaboration with the ADRC’s Senior Intervention and Education Program, NSU-COM students have been able to visit isolated seniors’ homes in order to assess the elders’ living environments and resources, as well as evaluate their ability to function within their own homes. This alliance between Gail Gannotta of the ADRC and Naushira Pandya, M.D., CMD, who serves as Associate Professor and Chair of NSU-COM’s Department of Geriatrics and GREAT GEC Project Director, has proven to be extremely beneficial because it allows future physicians the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge regarding the status of vulnerable elders outside the customary medical area.