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at NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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Dear NSU Parent,

We are well into our winter semester now and I am sure it is hard to believe that your son or daughter will soon be completing their first year at Nova Southeastern University. We thank you for the privilege of being a part of their life and hope they are taking advantage of all that NSU has to offer.

In these trying economic times, a college education is more important as ever. That's why we want to make the educational opportunities offered by NSU affordable for your student and for others. To that end, NSU has been actively involved in encouraging Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida legislature to continue funding the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG). More than 3,200 students at NSU depend on FRAG to help fund their education, but Florida's current budget deficit could threaten funding for FRAG. If you are a Florida resident, I urge you and your student to contact Gov. Crist's office and stress how important the FRAG is to you and NSU's students.

Regardless of where you live, I also encourage you and your student to utilize the NSU's Office of Student Financial Assistance. The staff can provide the best information on financial aid and scholarships and what types of aid are available. Contact the office at (954) 262-3380 to see the financial assistance options that might be available to you and your student.

On campus, our students are truly enjoying their college experience, including exposure to cultural events and the arts. In the fall, we celebrated the opening of the new Performing and Visual Arts Wing of the University Center, and we also recently welcomed the Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale into the NSU family. The arts are gaining prominence on campus, and we are very fortunate to be able to provide such first-class facilities and academic resources.

The minds, bodies and spirits of our students continue to grow and add to the vibrancy of the NSU campus. If you haven't done so lately, we invite you to spend some time on campus with your son or daughter to discover the stimulating learning and living environment here at NSU.

Ray Ferrero, Jr., President



Dear NSU Parent,

As the father of two young adults, I am dealing with many transitional issues as my girls go off to college. As I reflect on the decisions they face, I am reminded of the story of the eagles' nest.

Eagles build their nests in safe and secluded locations which are both comfortable and secure. As the baby eaglets grow, they are fed, nurtured, and protected, but must soon learn to fly and care for themselves. The parents remove some of the grass and feathers that kept the eaglets comfortable as babies. So that eventually, sticks and twigs start poking through the bottom of the nest. The eaglets are not as comfortable as they once were and the parents eventually push them out of the nest, then they learn to fly and care for themselves.

I hope my daughters are strong enough to care for themselves and to make wise decisions in difficult times. I still support them, but now, it is time to give them more responsibility and to make the nest we built for them a little less comfortable so they will learn to fly on their own.

If there is anything I can do to help you during your transition from primary caregiver, to supporter or cheerleader, please feel free to contact me. Best wishes, to you and your students' success at NSU!

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Office of ACADEMIC ADVISING

Office of STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FIRST STEP in the financial aid process is to file a FAFSA

If your son or daughter has not yet completed a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2009–2010 academic year, you should encourage your student to do so right away. By completing the FAFSA, students may be able to take advantage of various sources of federal, state, and institutional aid, including grants, scholarships, student employment, and loans. The FAFSA becomes available each year on January 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov and is not automatically renewed. The earlier students and their parents, if dependent, apply for financial assistance, the better chance they have of receiving the maximum amount of funds for which they may be eligible. Some federal financial assistance is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the priority deadline. **NSU's priority deadline is April 15.** This means that priority consideration is given to applications and renewal applications received and completed by this date.

Although many families believe that they do not qualify for financial aid, more than 80% of students at NSU receive some type of financial assistance.

For complete information about scholarships, grants, student employment, and loans, please visit NSU's Office of Student Financial Assistance online at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid.



As students continue making their transition into college life, they are faced with many confusing processes, policies, and decisions. You can help them navigate through the system and facilitate their growth through directing your student to their academic advisor.

Academic advisors are available to provide support, direction, and information to your student throughout their academic career. By reinforcing the importance of this valuable resource, you can help support your student in their academic journey.

I encourage you to engage your student in thoughtful, proactive planning prior to registration. Some questions for discussion might include, "How many credits should I take this semester?" "How many hours should I work while attending school?" "What subjects are challenging to me?" Encourage them to register early to maximize options. Registration begins in mid-March; however, your student may be so preoccupied with midterms, finals, and new classes that the date may go unnoticed. A friendly inquiry from you may spark action!

Another strategy for promoting success is to ask your student if they know where to find the catalog, how to access grades, and how to register online. These are valuable tools that your student should be aware of, and an academic advisor can show them the way! Your student can contact an academic advisor through the following numbers:

- Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences: (954) 262-7990
- Fischler School of Education and Human Services: (954) 262-7900
- Huizenga School of Business: (954) 262-5067

Sue Ohrablo, Ed.D., Director of Academic Advising
H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business

Inside TITLE V

In 2007, based on its status as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), Nova Southeastern University received the Title V grant from the U. S. Department of Education. The mission of the NSU Title V grant is to provide all NSU undergraduates, including Hispanics and low-income students, with programs and services tailored to increase student engagement and outreach, thus resulting in student success.

The grant provides support through the development of research-based programs targeted at increasing student engagement and retention, leading to your student's academic success by addressing the full student experience.

The grant staff works with the University Colleges and Departments to provide initiatives to increase student engagement and success such as developing a centralized teaching/learning center, a Summer Bridge Program, a comprehensive mentoring program, outreaching to local high schools, and expanding the parent and family programs.

Although our project is in the early stages of implementation, the Title V staff is excited about the significant progress NSU is already making towards increasing student success. For more information on how Title V can help your student's success contact us at (954) 262-8558 or visit www.nova.edu/titlev/.



ALVIN SHERMAN LIBRARY

Research made easy at the library

Which student took advantage of the library's services?

Two students need to do research at the library for a class paper. One student tries to do it by herself. She becomes frustrated after not being able to find what she needs. The second student asks the librarian for help, and the librarian shows her which databases are best suited for her paper. Both students complete their papers; yet, the second student's search for resources was easier. She saved time and found exactly what she needed after consulting with the librarian.

The above example is a typical scenario at a university. At the Alvin Sherman Library, there are thousands of books and articles to help students complete their class papers. Yet, NSU students are not left to their own devices. The librarians at Alvin Sherman Library are expert researchers, and they take pride in helping students find the materials they need. Thus, savvy NSU students have learned that they'll save time and learn more by speaking with a librarian.

Librarians are available through e-mail, chat, phone or in-person visits. For more information, visit www.nova.edu/library/main.



Office of CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Dear NSU Parent,

Career Planning Starts NOW!

The Office of Career Development at NSU recognizes undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni in the implementation of successful career planning.

Our office is counting on your support, as parents/family, in the importance of educating students to develop a life-long career plan—from choosing a major, exploring careers, writing a résumé, conducting a job search, or searching for graduate/professional school opportunities.

We are located on the 4th floor of the Alvin Sherman Library and our services include: Career Advisement, Drop-In Advisement, Career Assessments, Career Library, Career Workshops, Internships Advisement, Mock Interviews, and On-Campus Recruiting Programs. Our online job and career database, CAREER*Shark*, can get students started at www.nova.edu/careershark.

For more information, visit www.nova.edu/career

Shari Saperstein, M.S., Director
Office of Career Development

Office of RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING

The first year of your student's NSU experience is almost complete. By now they would have found new friends, become accustomed to college level classes, and even joined a few clubs or organizations. They are feeling the **SHARK PRIDE!** In order to prepare your student for their second year of college, it is important to make sure that they sign up for on-campus housing for 2009–2010 in order to move into The Commons.

The Commons is the newest residence hall which opened in August of 2007. This state-of-the-art living offers learning community classrooms and meeting spaces, 16 community living rooms, 16 study rooms, and plenty of indoor and outdoor common space.

The Commons is unique and dynamic for the inclusion of incorporating communities within a community and will be hosting the following themed housing options:

- Business & Entrepreneurship Community—
"Executive Suites"



- Leadership Development—"LEAD II Community"
- Quiet Community—"Quiet Corridor"
- Greek Life—"Greek Village"

Please remember that NovaSoutheastern University requires all day undergraduate students with 0–48 credit hours to live on campus unless one or both of the following criteria applies:

- They are married.
- They reside with a parent or legal guardian within the tri-county area (Broward, Dade, and Palm Beach).

If they meet one or both of the above criteria, and choose on-campus housing, they must honor the entire term of the 2009–2010 housing contract. New students looking to move on-campus are able to apply NOW online as well as returning freshman residents.

If your student has questions or is in need of support for any reason, please encourage them to contact their Resident Advisor, our office, or the Counselor in Residence (who is located on the 2nd floor of Goodwin Hall). For more information about living on-campus, visit our website at www.nova.edu/reslife or call 954-262-7052.

NSU Residential Life and Housing:
"A place to live, A place to grow."

Office of CAMPUS RECREATION



Spring 2009

Dear Parents:

As your student approaches the final few weeks of their first year at NSU, it is our sincere hope that they have had an enriching experience that makes them thankful for their summer vacation, yet one that has them excited about their return to us this coming fall.

The office of Campus Recreation offers unique opportunities for students to grow and develop in an atmosphere that is fun, safe, and inviting for all. Engage in one of our instructional programs and learn recreational skills such as golf and tennis. Many "business meetings" take place on the golf course ☺. Intramural sports leagues offer leadership opportunities as students can become team captains and learn how to organize and motivate a group of their peers in pursuit of a common goal. Get a job at the RecPlex and receive hand-on experience in cash handling, facility operations, and customer service.

With campus recreation while you will have fun and play games, it is not all about fun and games. Through various recreational offerings, the opportunity exists for both personal and professional development. Challenge yourself to discover all that NSU has to offer in assisting you to reach your ultimate potential!

Tom Vittucci, Director



NSU ATHLETICS - GO SHARKS

Dear Fin-atics,

Nova Southeastern University's Intercollegiate Athletics program is committed to the recruitment and preparation of highly qualified and gifted men and women. Valuing deeply the physical, social, and emotional welfare of those who participate, the Department and the University expresses this commitment through Division II membership in the NCAA and the Sunshine State Conference, both of which exemplify the principles of amateur athletics.

NSU offers 15 intercollegiate athletic programs with nine women's and six men's teams. Women's sports include basketball, cross country, golf, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball, while men can participate in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer and track.

Please show your support by attending any of our games or listen to a live game online! For upcoming athletic events, visit <http://nsuathletics.nova.edu>.

NSU Athletic Department



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



NSU STUDENT DINING SERVICES

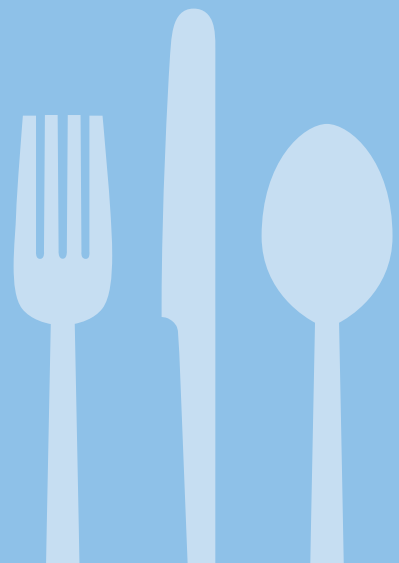
Eat. Learn. Live.

For Shark Dining it is not only our mission statement but also our commitment to you. Today, students are hungry for healthy, satisfying meals. Our nutrition specialists and chefs are passionate about preparing the balanced choices your students need to succeed.

In order for students to make good decisions about the foods they eat, Shark Dining offers an exceptional assortment of dining venues located throughout the campus. From Einstein Bros Bagels to Subway, Chick-N-Grill to Wildgreens they are sure to find great tasting healthy options.

Our diverse family of food and nutrition specialists bring fun, healthy dining to the academic community. By combining fresh ideas with our talented culinary staff, we continue to set the standards for food and service excellence.

For more information, visit
www.dineoncampus.com/nova



SAFETY ON NSU'S CAMPUS



NOVALERT: NSU PUBLIC SAFETY

The safety and well-being of every student, employee and visitor, is our highest priority. We do everything in our power to provide for your son or daughter's safety through a carefully designed security network.

Under the NOVALERT system, every phone at NSU is tied to the Public Safety Department's Security Operations Center (SOC) by simply dialing 2-8999. Students can access more than 100 strategically located "Blue Light" emergency phones, which are tied directly to the SOC. The Public Safety SOC also monitors more than 600 surveillance cameras and over 1,000 electronic access controlled doors and gates. The SOC command center has direct communication to the Davie Police Department and Davie Fires Rescue. Three fulltime NSU Davie police officers are permanently assigned to this campus, along with additional supplemental police details providing 24 hour per day, seven day-per-week police coverage. The residential halls have a dedicated police patrol every night.

NSU Shark Watch: utilizes the eyes and ears of the entire NSU community to immediately report all suspicious activity to NOVALERT at (954) 262-8999. The NSU Campus Safety and Traffic Handbook includes safety tips, as does the NOVALERT website, www.nova.edu/cwis/pubsafety, and numerous safety information sessions that begin at new student orientation.

The university has implemented a multi-tiered mass notification system which can notify students of any campus emergency via their cell phones. Students must register their cell phone numbers into the WebStar system to receive an alert. Please help us by encouraging your son or daughter to register.

The Office of Public Safety is proud to utilize the newest technologies and systems to keep NSU a safe place for everyone.

Bronson S. Bias, Executive Director of Protective Services
Office of Public Safety

Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Admission	(954) 262-8000
Athletics	(954) 262-8250
Bursar's Office	(954) 262-5200
<i>www.nova.edu/cwis/bursar</i>	
Campus Recreation	(954) 262-7301
<i>www.rec.nova.edu/</i>	
Computer Support HELP line	(954) 262-4357
<i>www.nova.edu/cwis/oit/stuservices.html</i>	
The Current, campus newspaper	(954) 262-8455
<i>www.nsucurrent.com/</i>	
Dining Services	(954) 262-5300
<i>www.dineoncampus.com/nova</i>	
Financial Aid	(954) 262-4031
<i>www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid</i>	
Mail Services—Goodwin	(954) 262-8875
Main Library	(954) 262-4949
<i>www.nova.edu/library</i>	
NSU Bookstore	(954) 262-4750
<i>nsubooks.bncollege.com</i>	
NSU Student Counseling	(954) 262-7050
<i>www.nova.edu/studentcounseling</i>	
Office of Career Development	(954) 262-7201
<i>www.nova.edu/career/</i>	
Office of the Dean, Student Affairs	(954) 262-7280
<i>www.nova.edu/cwis/studentaffairs/</i>	
Office of Student Insurance	(954) 262-4060
Radio Station—WNSU	(954) 262-8457
<i>www.nova.edu/radiox/</i>	
Registrar	(954) 262-7255
<i>www.nova.edu/cwis/registrar/</i>	
Res Life and Housing	(954) 262-7052
<i>www.nova.edu/reslife/</i>	
Student Union and Flight Deck	(954) 262-7288
Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences— Advising	(954) 262-7990
<i>www.undergrad.nova.edu/advising</i>	
Fischler School of Education—Human Services Advising	(954) 262-7900
<i>www.schoolofed.nova.edu/fgshome/current/cur_advising.htm</i>	
H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship—Advising	(954) 262-5067
<i>www.huizenga.nova.edu/currentStudents/OfficeofAcademicAdvising.cfm</i>	
Health Professions Division	(954) 262-1000
Student Medical Center	(954) 262-1262
<i>www.nova.edu/HCC</i>	

NSU Main Website: www.nova.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 24.....Spring Career Fair

Mar 24 Tools for Success: What is Academic Writing?

Mar 27–28 University Wide Open House

Mar 31.....Life 101 with Ivanka Trump

April 15 Entrepreneur Hall of Fame event

April 18 2009 Autism Speaks Walk Day

April 21 “STUEY” Student Life Achievement Awards

May 8..... Fifth Annual Fore the Kids: Saving Lives Golf Charity

For more information, visit the NSU Calendar of Events at
www.nova.edu/cal/public/webevent.cgi



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" We are committed to meeting the needs of new and continuing students, by helping them transition successfully into Nova Southeastern University and beyond."

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