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Plane crew and NSU Puerto Rico Regional Campus security staff

Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D. and NSU Bring Hope

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

Following the recent destruction left behind by Hurricane Maria, Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D. provided means of transportation for NSU to contribute thousands of pounds of supplies for those students affected. Water, food, hygiene products, clothing, and batteries among other things, arrived in Puerto Rico on Dr. Patel's plane. To this date, our supplies storage room has been visited over 3,700 times by students, staff and faculty in need of provisions. Receiving these items from Dr. Patel and NSU has not only provided help, but also hope, strength, and unity throughout our campus.

Most of the time, Carlin Rivera, campus security supervisor is in charge of the supplies storage room. His job consists on quantifying, supervising, and distributing the provisions to our students and staff. We asked Rivera about his first hand experiences with the students, to which he said, "It is rewarding to be able to help the students. When they arrived, you could see the aftermath on their faces, and being able to give them a bag with essentials just completely changed their complexion. Some of them, who had lost everything, would hug you teary-eyed and express their gratitude. This initiative has surpassed everyone's expectations and to this date, they continue to express their gratitude."



Vanessa Blanco and Julie Marin, Pharm.D. cleaning.



Sylvia Ramos cooking a meal.



Students working on assignments.

Manos a la Obra

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

San Juan, Puerto Rico, the city in which our Puerto Rico Campus is located, was one of the greatly affected cities after Hurricane Maria. Our campus was one of the many buildings damaged by the hurricane's winds and heavy rain. Nonetheless, as soon as it was safe, our departments joined forces and started cleaning and removing debris from inside our campus. Behind this initiative was the mentality of returning some hope and normalcy to our students lives by giving them support and showing our compassion to them. The rebuilding process is moving steadily while we look forward and prepare for the next semester.

Cooking Meals to Keep High Spirits

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

Shortly after the hurricane, the great amount of work needed to rebuild and clear homes and streets was weighing heavily on everyone's mind and shoulders, which is why, in a group effort, the Fischler College of Education staff, Office of Regional Campuses staff, and security staff all contributed ingredients to prepare a meal that could be enjoyed together. Not only the comfort food, but the great company, conversations, laughter, and unity combined lifted the spirits and reassured everyone that, as one, we will overcome and transform into an improved Puerto Rico.

Education Students Persevere to Save the Semester

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

Every day, students from all around the island travel to campus with the determination of catching up with their assignments and saving the semester. Most of them visit to use the campus' internet and electricity, which enables them to work on their individual assignments. No matter the distance or the conditions, our Fischler College of Education students are relentless, as they persevere and are excited to complete the semester and be one step closer to their goals.



Lunch Provided to Students

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

After the hurricane, food and supplies were the first concern on the mind of every citizen. Understanding the importance peace of mind has in our students' life, NSU gave lunch to the students from Monday to Saturday. This initiative started on the month of October and has helped approximately 200 students on a daily basis. This positively impacted the lives of our students, and every day they express their gratitude towards NSU.



Therapy Dogs Visit Campus

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

What better way to de-stress than with the company of man’s best friend. On Monday, November 20, three hairy friends visited NSU to interact with the students. A golden retriever, collie, and Labrador from Puerto Rico Therapy Dogs arrived eager to meet our students and were accompanied by Odalys Aldarondo and Evelyn Rivera from the company. An atmosphere of relaxation, smiles, and “awwwwwws!” invaded the campus. For a moment, everyone forgot everything that had happened during the weeks before and just enjoyed themselves by petting and playing with the dogs. This is their second visit to our campus and certainly not their last.



Last Day of Lunch Raffles

By: Kiara Correa Figueroa

On December 1, the last day of the lunch giveaway, we wanted give some extra enthusiasm for the students for the festivities that were to come, so we decided to do a raffle. As every student handed in their ticket for lunch, that same ticket was included automatically in the raffle to participate. The raffle items portable coolers, bags, and a grand prize of a briefcase solar charger, which would all be of help given the conditions left behind due to the hurricane.

College of Pharmacy Christmas Party

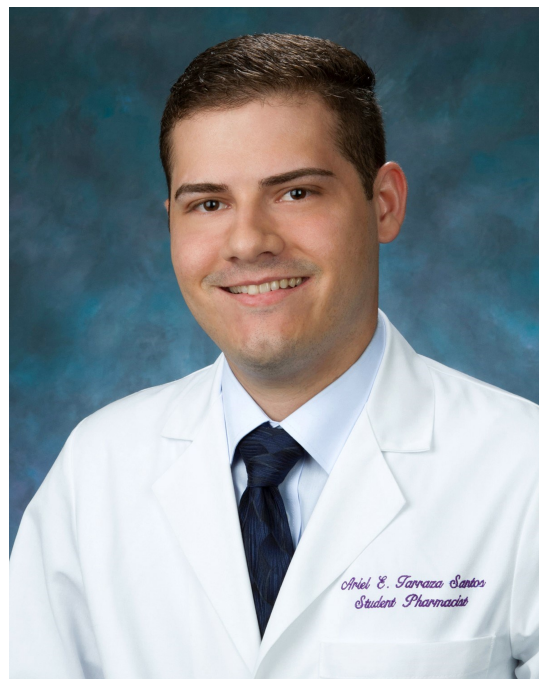
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The College of Pharmacy staff and faculty prepared a Christmas party for the students to relax and celebrate the Christmas season. Even with the difficulties traversed the past months, the College of Pharmacy was full of strength, gratefulness, and hope for the upcoming holidays. Many students participated, and the holiday cheer propagated throughout the whole campus. There was food, conversation, smiles, and traditional Puerto Rican Christmas music. It was definitely a memorable event, where the Christmas spirit was present with the students, faculty, and staff.



Congratulations to Students of the Month!

Orlando Rivera Pérez
November Student of the Month



Ariel Tarraza Santos
December Student of the Month



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