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Rep Your Flag Day

Two of the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy (BSRT) first-professional program students were charged with organizing a community service event for their honors in-major requirement. Julie Nazaire and Joshua Schmidt, second year students decided that hosting a lunch to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) of Palm Beach was in order and in-line with their aspirations as future respiratory therapists. Recognizing the campus’ rich diversity within the student body of approximately 700 students, which includes representation from China, Colombia, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and the United States, Nazaire and Schmidt decided to celebrate that diversity with “rep Your flag” as the theme.

On February 28, 2018, Rep Your Flag Day came to fruition on the Promenade. Students expressed their pride in their roots by bringing flags, wearing their national colors, and even boasting national earrings and accessories. One student was so enthusiastic that he RSVP’d with “Vivo Mexico” in the name box! Faculty and staff also repped their flags, which included Canada and Trinidad. During the event, students were served Cuban ropa vieja, Indian curry chicken, Haitian griot with rice and peas, and international sodas while listening to the DJ play music from the genres of country, dancehall, pop, punjab, R&B, reggaeton, and doca. The weather was beautiful and the atmosphere was jovial with celebration and pride. The entire experience was also captured for everyone with photos from Tabatha Dragonberry’s selfie booth. Nazaire and Schmidt’s efforts were successful in not only raising money for the CFF but also in bringing so many cultures together to enjoy each other’s company, country, and cuisine. Well done, Nazaire and Schmidt!
Clothing Drive
The students and staff of the College of Pharmacy came together for a collective effort to help those in need. Over the course of several weeks, they collected loads of clothing that would be added to the Henry Glades Community 1st Annual Super Heroes Clothing Collection. Job well done to the students, faculty, and staff of the NSU Palm Beach Campus College of Pharmacy!

Vigil for Stoneman Douglas
The NSU Palm Beach Campus hosted a vigil in light of the tragic events at Stoneman Douglas High School. Candles were lit to honor the lives that were lost and to support the students and families who were affected. The campus community came together to sign a banner of support, encouragement, and affirmation to the students and staff. The banner was sent directly to the school itself, so students and staff can read it when they returned.

Welcome Back BBQ
With a new year, a new semester has begun. As students geared up for a fresh start at tackling their courses, the NSU Palm Beach College of Pharmacy decided to host a welcome back BBQ! Students and staff were treated to a hearty lunch with drinks and desserts from Park Avenue BBQ Grille for only $3.00. That purchase also gained admittance into a raffle. There were three lucky raffle winners and they all received a goody bag full of student essentials, such as notebooks, highlighters, and notecards. All proceeds from this event helped support student travel to Legislative Days in Tallahassee, FL.

Community Fest Super Heroes
On February 10, 2018, students and staff traveled to the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus for the NSU Community Fest. Dayne Hutchinson, director of student affairs and a few members of the Palm Beach Campus SGA had the opportunity to celebrate and connect with others. They had a lot fun participating in the festivities and enjoying great food. They also had a chance to greet George L. Hanbury, II, Ph.D., president of NSU.

Upcoming Events
- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling Information Session**: Learn about the clinical mental health counseling program offered by NSU at upcoming, monthly online information sessions via GoToTraining.
- **Campus Open House**: Learn more about our programs, speak with admissions and financial aid representatives, and apply on the spot. Tuesday, May 15 from noon - 6:00 p.m.
Employees of the Month
Join us in congratulating the below employees and read about what their nominators said!

December Employee of the Month
Elyssa Weiss, operations administrator
"Weiss has come aboard and been a team player from the time she walked through the door. She has been in the mix helping secure the campus for a hurricane, making sure the needs of each program on campus are met, and working with a dynamic team to ensure customer service and stability. I think she is a prime candidate for this month’s honor and an excellent addition to the team."

February Employee of the Month
Stefanie LaManna, Ph.D., DNP and Ph.D. program director for the College of Nursing
"LaManna, Ph.D. has stepped in when we lost Orton and went above what was necessary to make the nursing department successful. The faculty, staff, and students were taken care of during a critical time of admissions and semester start. Though she was short staffed, she helped make it happen. Her superb leadership and dedication to NSU and the College of Nursing is seen daily from the inside and out."

Congratulatons April
The NSU family would like to congratulate April Curtis on her 6-year anniversary at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). As Sharks, we value the time, effort, and enduring support of our employees, students, and staff. Curtis has "continuously made us proud with her exceptional work performance, and aside from efficiently executing her day-to-day tasks, she has also recently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Program at NSU. She does a wonderful job at balancing her responsibilities, and to add, Curtis was also employee of the month in November 2017. Here are a few things her nominators had to say about her:

"Curtis always has a welcoming smile and pleasant personality. She accommodates the needs of our students, and we are very appreciative of her responsiveness and professionalism. Curtis exemplifies superior dedication, a positive attitude, and strong work ethics."

"We believe Curtis makes a difference in the success of NSU and its students at the Palm Beach Campus. We are lucky to have her and this is what excellence is all about!"

The list could go on infinitely. Let us just say, she has bragging rights! Thank you Curtis and congratulations on being an outstanding Shark!

Wear Red Day
February 2, 2018 was National Wear Red Day. On this day, the NSU Palm Beach Campus decided to participate and show support in raising awareness about cardiovascular diseases and risks. We stand with those in the battle against heart disease and promote action to live longer and healthier lives.