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Sharon Ungs, RN and Sam Yoders, Ph.D., trying out the portable ultrasound imaging machine with students.

Students Learn about Cardiovascular Sonography

By: Michael Abraham

Sam Yoders, Ph.D., program director of NSU's cardiovascular sonography (CVS) program, and Michael Abraham, assistant director continue their efforts in showcasing the CVS program to medical-tracked high school students. Yoders is in the process of purchasing a portable ultrasound imaging machine, such as the one photographed. This will afford students the opportunity to have an engaging experience during the presentation and learn about this industry. Sharon Ungs, RN and instructor at the Center for Wellness & Medical Professions program invited Yoders and Abraham to share the CVS program with 32 students on January 17, 2018 at Palm Harbor University High School.

Happy New Year!

By: Tabitha Raj

We hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends during the holiday season! Here at the Tampa Campus, we are being intentional to recognize when and how different countries and cultures ring in their respective New Years. We have researched some of the major countries and cultures that celebrate their New Year throughout the year and will be highlighting them in upcoming newsletters. Some of the cultures we will highlight are the Chinese New Year, Diwali, Jewish New Year, Thai New Year, etc. We welcome you to share with us any traditions or New Year celebrations that we might miss!



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Tabitha Raj and students showing off their best "Fins Up!"

Great American Teach-In

By: Tabitha Raj, Stacy-Ann Payne, and Michael Abraham

During the month of November, staff from the NSU Tampa Campus participated in the Great American Teach-In. Tabitha Raj, assistant director visited Dover Elementary School where she had a great time telling the third grade students about her job at NSU and teaching them how to do a "Fins Up." Stacy Ann Payne, operations administrator visited Waterset Charter School where she spoke to a group of fourth grade students, and Michael Abraham, assistant director visited Robinson High School where he hosted an information table showcasing NSU's cardiovascular sonography program.

Developing Educational Partnerships

By: Jason Barshay

NSU Tampa assistant directors Jason Barshay and Tony Thompson, along with the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education, have been working on establishing partnerships with area organizations. The partnerships allow employees, and in some instances alumni, of the organizations to receive a 20% reduction off of the normal tuition rate for any graduate education programs within the College of Education. Partnerships have currently been established with Hillsborough County schools, Pinellas County schools, Hillsborough Community College, Pasco-Hernando State College, and the State College of Florida. Barshay and Thompson are continuing to explore the possibility of partnerships with other organizations including Manatee County schools and Sarasota County schools. For more information, [click here](#).

Angel Tree - 15 Days of Giving

By: Stacy-Ann Payne

In the month of December, NSU Tampa's community collaboration team members Carol Fasick and Stacy-Ann Payne, with the help and support from Sheena Zimmermann, student affairs assistant director, organized a "15 Days of Giving" Angel Tree event to provide gifts to children associated with The Spring of Tampa Bay. Through the participation of our students, faculty, and staff, we were able to brighten the holiday season for 30 children. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this event a success and a special thanks to Carol Fasick and Sheena Zimmerman who ensured that this information was shared across campus to our students, faculty, and staff. Please see the message below from The Spring of Tampa Bay.

"Thank You & Happy New Year! When tears of joy replace hearts of hurt, you know magic is happening. The Spring's 2017 holiday season was truly remarkable. Our holiday donors created moments of glee for children in need as presents were unwrapped, toy cars raced, and baby dolls hugged. There were also moments of a mother's dignity restored as she was able to provide numerous gifts for her children. Finally, there were moments of hope showing that our community really does care about families dealing with the pain of domestic violence. THANK YOU for creating these special moments."

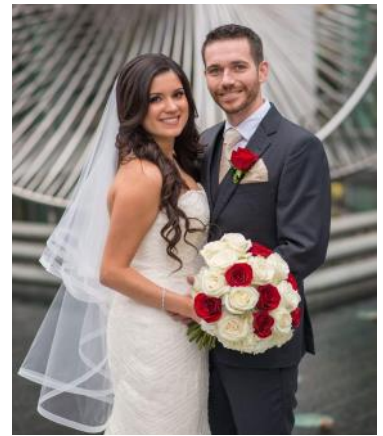


Leslie Ross, Carol Fasick, Jason Barshay, Stacy-Ann Payne, Claudia Rohr, Rashida Quetel, Maria Mateu, and Katie Wyatt

Holiday Potluck

By: Jason Barshay

On Wednesday, November 29, some of the Tampa Campus staff gathered for a holiday potluck. Attendees enjoyed great fun, good music, and the chance to take a break from their busy schedules and enjoy each other's company.



Here Comes the Bride

By: Stacy-Ann Payne

Congratulations to Claudia Rohr, student assistant and her husband Michael Rohr on their wedding, which took place on December 30, 2017. Earlier in the month, the NSU Tampa Office of Regional Campuses (ORC) team hosted a surprise bridal shower for her. Rohr has been working with the Tampa ORC team for almost five months and has been a great addition to the team. We wish her and her husband all the best on this new journey together.

Welcoming New Psychology Students

By: Tabitha Raj and Tony Thompson

The Tampa Campus welcomed several new groups of graduate psychology students in December 2017. On Saturday, December 2, Barbara Lash, M.S., LMHC, NCC, site coordinator and practicum coordinator from NSU's College of Psychology spoke to new students enrolling in the M.S. in Counseling with a clinical mental health counseling concentration and the M.S. in Counseling with a school counseling concentration programs. On Saturday, December 16, Amanda Privé, Ph.D., NCSP, BCBA, site manager from NSU's College of Psychology spoke to new students enrolling in the Psy.S. in School Psychology program. Students received an overview of their programs, a tour of the Tampa Campus, and a presentation from student affairs.

Hillsborough Community College PTK Induction Ceremony

By: Jason Barshay

On Saturday, November 18, 2017, Jason Barshay, assistant director attended Hillsborough Community College's Fall 2017 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society Induction. Phi Theta Kappa strives to "recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders." Over 120 students representing HCC's Brandon, Dale Mabry, Plant City, South Shore, and Ybor City campuses were welcomed into the society at the ceremony. In addition to hosting an information table, Barshay was able to speak on stage at the event about undergraduate educational opportunities at Nova Southeastern University's Ft. Lauderdale/Davie Campus.

Fins Up for Fall Festival

By: Shenna Zimmerman

Over 80 NSU Tampa students, faculty, and staff celebrated the beautiful fall season at the Fins Up for Fall Festival held on Friday, October 17, 2017. Students enjoyed activities such as corn hole, yard pong, giant Jenga, football, and soccer, then feasted on a BBQ lunch provided by Just Smokin' BBQ. This event was supported by the Tampa Student Government Association in an effort to raise additional funds and nonperishable food items for the NSU Cares hurricane relief initiative, raised \$270, and collected over 90 donated food items. Thank you to all who celebrated the fall with us. FINS UP!



NSU Tampa Joins Area Counties in Honoring Teachers

By: Jason Barshay

On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, NSU Tampa assistant directors Michael Abraham, Les Ross, and Tony Thompson attended the Hillsborough County Excellence in Education awards ceremony. The ceremony honors three categories of professionals: teacher of the year, instructional support employee of the year, and Ida S. Baker diversity educator of the year. The Tampa Campus was a sponsor of the event, and in recognition of their achievements, the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education provided each of the 236 teacher of the year nominees with a \$1,000 scholarship, the finalist in each category with a \$1,500 scholarship, and the winner in each category with a \$3,500 scholarship that can be used toward any degree program within the College of Education.

On Wednesday, January 31, 2018, NSU Tampa assistant directors Michael Abraham, Jason Barshay, and Tony Thompson along with Michael Gaffley, Ed.D., Abraham S. Fischler College of Education associate professor attended the Pinellas County Evening of Excellence awards ceremony that honored the outstanding educator of the year. As part of the Tampa Campus's sponsorship of the event, the university was provided a speaking opportunity where Gaffley announced that NSU's Abraham S. Fischler College of Education would be providing each of the 126 outstanding educator nominees with a \$1,000 scholarship, the finalists with a \$1,500 scholarship, and the winner with a \$3,500 scholarship that can be used toward any degree program within the College of Education.

No-Shave November

By: Tony Thompson

Inspired by the No-Shave November movement, Tony Thompson, assistant director challenged his co-workers to abstain from shaving for the month of November in order to raise awareness of men-related cancer issues. NSU Tampa assistant directors Michael Abraham, Jason Barshay, and Les Ross were successful in completing the challenge, but unfortunately, Eric DeRise, coordinator of admissions in the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences had to exit the challenge early. The men enjoyed the camaraderie that came with the challenge and hope to attract even more employees for next year's challenge.



The last day of No-Shave November

Saying Goodbye to Shabonni

By: Stacy-Ann Payne

NSU Tampa had a farewell breakfast to honor Shabonni Selmon, videoconferencing (VC) and audio visual field support specialist. Selmon worked with us for 16 years and helped us all with our VC needs. Whether it had to do with a simple connection, troubleshooting, repairs, or simply filling in for the tech support team, she has always been a team player. NSU Tampa faculty and staff, along with her managers and colleagues from the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus (via video conferencing), came together to give her a heartfelt send-off. During the breakfast, Selmon expressed how thankful she was for all the opportunities she had at NSU and that she will miss everyone. We miss her and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



Fin-Tastic Finals Series

By: Sheena Zimmermann

Finals are tough, but students are tougher! At the end of the fall 2017 semester, the NSU Tampa Student Government Association and the Office of Student Affairs sponsored the Fin-Tastic Finals Series to make sure that students were nourished, happy, and fin-tastically prepared for the big exams. The events included Brain Breakfast on Tuesday, November 28, Finals Chill Break: Smoothies on Thursday, December 7, Study Snacks on Friday, December 8, and Finals Coffee Wake-Up on Thursday, December 14.

Getting Healthy

By: Jason Barshay

On November 15, 2017, employees of the NSU Tampa Campus were able to get some valuable information about living a healthy lifestyle at the Employee Health and Wellness Fair sponsored by the Office of Human Resources. Attendees of the event had the opportunity to speak to representatives from the employee wellness and benefits offices at NSU as well as a variety of external vendors including EyeMed, Humana, Optum Rx, Aetna Resources for Living, TIAA, PNC Bank, and Wells Fargo. In addition, attendees were able to enjoy chair massages and enter raffles to win wellness-related prizes. Thank you to all the employees who came out and participated in the fair, to the vendors who represented their organizations, and to the Office of Human Resources for organizing the event. Special thanks to Ronenia Jenkins, NSU employee wellness program administrator for her continued commitment to providing excellent service to all of NSU's regional campuses.



NSU Tampa employees playing health games.

Metropolitan Ministries

By: Michael Abraham

In December, NSU assistant directors Les Ross, Ed.D., Tabitha Raj, and Michael Abraham joined their fellow Tampa Bay Higher Education Alliance (TBHEA) members from surrounding colleges and universities to volunteer at the Metropolitan Ministries holiday tent. Metropolitan Ministries had a goal of serving more than 18,000 families in the Tampa bay area with food and gifts during the holidays.

Bidding "Z" Farewell

By: Stacy-Ann Payne

In December 2017, Zeyad "Z" Alsaeed, student assistant resigned from his position at the NSU Tampa Campus to move back home to Ohio with his family. Alsaeed worked as a front desk assistant for the ORC team for one year, and during his time, he provided current and prospective students with superb customer service. The NSU Tampa ORC team hosted a farewell lunch in honor of Alsaeed to show appreciation for all he has done for us during his time here. Although we will still see him during his classes on the physical therapy institute weekends, we will still miss his cheerful spirit working in our suite. Thanks to everyone who participated.

United Healthcare Event

By: Stacy-Ann Payne

On November 15, 2017, United Healthcare held a Florida Provider Information Expo at NSU's Tampa Campus to educate care providers in Florida. Over 20 vendors were present and over 200 people attended this expo. Providers were able to showcase a variety of services they offered to clients, and as the host site, NSU Tampa was invited to participate in the event and had a table with information on the various programs offered on campus. Based on the success of this event, United Healthcare would like to make this an annual event. In fact, they have already reserved a date for 2018.



Honoring Veterans

By: Jason Barshay

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, Jason Barshay, assistant director attended the dedication ceremony for the Veterans Resource Center and the World War II Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park in Hillsborough County. Hillsborough County is home for over 98,000 veterans – the largest population of veterans in any county in Florida – and among the large crowd in attendance at the dedication ceremony were some local World War II veterans.

Tampa SGA Welcomes New Leadership Board

By: Sheena Zimmermann

We are so excited to officially congratulate and introduce your new 2018 NSU Tampa Student Government Association (SGA). SGA is here to advocate on behalf of all students at the NSU Tampa Campus, serving as the collective student voice. They help promote positive change while bringing fun events and student-friendly initiatives to you. Here are your new SGA leaders who began their term in January 2018:

- President: Jesse North
- Vice President: Franay Bain
- Treasurer: Rachel Ikensaa
- Secretary: Erica Stewart
- Public Relations Chair: Fabiola N. Torres Perez
- Campus Involvement Chair: Deanna Flournoy
- Senator, Anesthesiologist Assistant: Kevin Tran
- Senator, Occupational Therapy: Katelynn Walker
- Senator, Physical Therapy: Kent Romano

We look forward to a new year of supporting our fellow Sharks!



New Employee Spotlight: Julio Melgar

By: Jason Barshay

The Tampa Campus would like to formally welcome Julio Melgar to the family. Melgar had been working at the campus in the video conferencing department as a temporary employee but has now joined the computer services support department in a permanent position. He has an associate of science degree in networking technology services from Hillsborough Community College and hopes to pursue his bachelor's degree at NSU. Melgar is originally from Guatemala but has been living in the United States for about 30 years and is married with three children who he enjoys being able to spend his free time with. He says, "I like to interact with people, and I love to resolve problems and provide great customer services for our staff and students. I believe that Nova Southeastern University is a great school to be at for students and employees, and I appreciate this opportunity to work at an institution known for its excellence in teaching, integrity, honesty, and fairness."

Upcoming Events

For a list of all upcoming events, please visit nova.edu/tampa.

- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling Online Information Session** - Learn about the clinical mental health counseling program offered by NSU at upcoming, monthly online information sessions via GoToTraining. To RSVP, [click here](#).
- **Student Town Hall** - Join Dr. Hanbury for the Student Town Hall on Friday, February 23 at noon in room 2017. [Click here](#) for more information. RSVP and submit questions in advance and/or submit an NSU success story.
- **Global Shark Showcase** - NSU has Sharks from all over the globe! Come learn about some of the countries represented by our local Tampa students, faculty, and staff on Tuesday, February 27 from noon - 2:00 p.m. in the atrium. Food samples, customs, attire, historical facts, and performance will take place. If you would like to have a table and represent a country, please e-mail SaTampa@nova.edu for more information. You would be eligible for \$20 in reimbursement for your supplies.