



# NEWSLETTER

**DUAL ADMISSION**

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## WELCOME

Dear Dual Admission Students,  
I hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and are having a productive and enjoyable winter semester. Some of you are getting ready to transition into your graduate/professional program this year, and you are enjoying your final experiences as an undergraduate student. Some of you are preparing for the upcoming application process and exam deadlines in order to effectively transition next year, and I encourage you to stay on track with your application deadlines and use all available resources to ensure your test scores meet and exceed requirements. Some of you are in your second year and you are fine tuning your skills as a college student and exploring many options at the university which will support your professional and personal goals. And many of you are coming back after your first semester, where you hopefully learned a lot about yourself as a college student and are now ready to take your college experience to a higher level of academic success and engagement.



We are thrilled to have a group of dual admission students serving as dual admission student ambassadors this year for the first time in the history of the program. They are in the process of developing an end-of-year event for dual admission students and we look forward to announcing this event once it is finalized.

Have a great semester!

Saul Sztam, Ed.D.

*Assistant Dean, College of Undergraduate Studies*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello!

I hope mid-terms were a breeze and Spring Break was refreshing. Moreover, I hope you have found your student experience to be an enriched one thus far. If you haven't, make sure you are taking advantage of the various opportunities/ workshops/events that are so frequently offered on campus. I have outlined some events throughout this newsletter I think may be relevant and beneficial for Dual Admission students, but it is not all encompassing.



This 2018-2019 school year has had many exciting “**firsts**” for the Dual Admission program. Our **first** (peer student leader group) Dual Admission Ambassadors, **first** newsletter, and our **first** End of Year event (details coming soon!). I hope you will consider becoming a Dual Admission Ambassador when the application is distributed early Fall 2019. Go Sharks!

**Desiree Rivera, M.A.**

*Dual Admission Newsletter Editor and Dual Admission Ambassador Advisor*

## DUAL ADMISSION AMBASSADORS

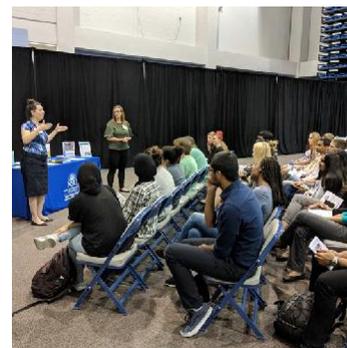
The Dual Admission Ambassador Program is a student leadership opportunity intended to enhance the Dual Admission student experience. Ambassadors gain valuable leadership experience and play an important role in planning and executing events for the Dual Admission Community. If you are interested in becoming a Dual Admission Ambassador for the 2019-2020 school year, keep an eye out for the application that will be sent to all Dual students via e-mail early August 2019.



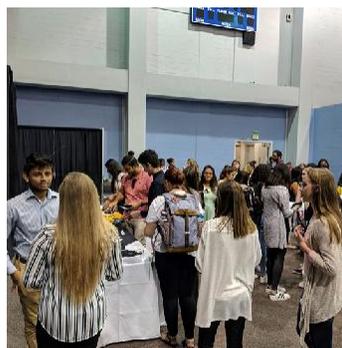
*Pictured is our inaugural 2018-2019 Dual Admission Ambassador group*

# Highlights

## 2ND ANNUAL Networking and Resource Fair



Are you one of the nearly 200 Dual Admission students that attended our **2nd Annual Networking and Resource Fair** on November 16, 2018 hosted by the Dual Admission program? Those who did had the opportunity to sit in on presentations that applied to students of all majors and professions, meet undergraduate and graduate level faculty of all disciplines, and network amongst each other.



## 2019 EVENT AND WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

The following events are hosted by Career Development. If you have questions or need more information, please call (954) 262-7201 or email [career@nova.edu](mailto:career@nova.edu).

RSVP on  **handshake**

**Recruit A Shark Ready:  
Resume and Cover Letter Review**  
Wednesday, March 11 • 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Carl DeSantis Building, Room 2057

**5th Annual Pre-Health Day**  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am- 12:30pm  
Huizenga Sales Institute  
Carl DeSantis Building, Third Floor, Room 300

**Shark Advantage Networking Event**  
*Build your professional brand and network*  
Wednesday, April 3 • 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Carl DeSantis Building  
3rd floor sales institute, room 3000

**Wonder Women**  
*Come listen to a panel of women in different industries sharing their stories and accomplishments*  
Wednesday, March 20 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Hosted by Dual Admission Program**  
**End of Year Event**  
**Wednesday April 10, 2019**  
**4-6pm**  
Carl DeSantis Building, 1st Floor Atrium  
*Games, Raffles, and Networking Opportunities! Details and invitation will be sent via email within the next few weeks*

# Food for Thought



## GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Each fall semester, students are welcomed to campus and are introduced to the myriad of clubs and organizations NSU has to offer at Sharkapalooza. From social clubs to pre-professional organizations, there is something out there for everyone.

You may think to yourself, "I'm here to get a degree, so I have to study!" And while this cannot be any truer, getting involved can have a meaningful impact on your education and career. We would like to highlight the importance of getting involved on campus because it does a few things for you as a student:

**Networking Opportunities:** Networking provides a student with the opportunity to meet other students and professionals with common goals and interest. Additionally, students can receive information and resources that will support their current and future interests and goals.

**Social Opportunities:** Many clubs and organizations are formed based on leisure and recreational interest. Students may wish to pursue membership in these types of clubs for personal enjoyment, as well as an opportunity to meet people with the same interest.

**Professional Experience:** Pre-professional organizations encourage career development and an understanding of opportunities within the industry. Students can access information about internships and job opportunities by becoming active in these types of organizations at NSU.



**Personal Development:** Getting involved gives you the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life. This will help expand your thinking and interest to gain a more global perspective on a variety of thoughts and issues.

**Leadership Skills:** Joining a club or organization allows you to develop leadership skills within an environment of your peers. You will be able to learn from fellow students and establish your leadership abilities through planning and implementing different events, managing budgets, leading meetings, or even having challenging conversations with organization members.

**Organization and Management Skills:** You'll learn how to prioritize your tasks and coursework more effectively. By setting time aside for what is important, you'll be able to stay organized and on top of your responsibilities more efficiently.

Don't take our word for it. Seek out more information from the clubs and organizations themselves. Visit [sharkhub.nova.edu](http://sharkhub.nova.edu) today and find out for yourself.



# Oh no! I'm on Probation! Now What?

As a member of the Dual Admission community, you probably fear what would happen if you end up on the Dual Admission Probation list after a bad semester. GPA requirements are very strict and it is critical to follow your student agreement requirements to maintain your dual admission spot. Our staff has taken the time to start meeting individually with those who fell just below their respective program's GPA requirement after the Fall 2018 semester. We want to be transparent and proactive. Many of you attended the information session that was held your first semester at NSU. It was during this meeting that we review all of your program requirements. The winter 2019 semester, we started scheduling meetings to find out why your GPA fell below your programs' requirements.

We hear a variety of different reasons, from "I had a lot going on," to "I wasn't expecting the transition to be this challenging," and even "I didn't take things as seriously as I should have until it was too late." Whatever the case was, we want to help you and see you succeed. It is never too early to seek out assistance with any of the university resources.

From the Tutoring and Testing Center to the Write From the Start Writing and Communication Center, the sooner you start getting help, the more likely you are to understand the material or turn in the perfect lab report. Our office has also encouraged a number of students to visit an Academic Success Coach this semester. These Coaches will help you with school-life balance, test taking strategies, study skills, and a variety of other needs that will help you get the edge in the classroom. To schedule a meeting with one of the Academic Success Coaches, visit the Tutoring and Testing Center.

If you're not sure what you can do, stop by and visit the staff for the Dual Admission program. We're more than happy to help you get back on track.

By: Robert Borgmann, Director Student Academic Services

# CAMPUS RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

## Tutoring and Testing Center

It can be intimidating preparing for a graduate admission exam, but the Tutoring and Testing Center is here to help! We are proud to offer resources designed to help you during your test preparation period. Such resources include additional practice tests, study guides, and Reader's Edge reading comprehension software. Our office also has individual study space that can be used as a distraction-free setting for full-length practice exams. We also have Academic Coaches on staff that can work with you one-on-one to organize your time, set goals, and study effectively. These appointments can be made through GradesFirst which is accessed by logging into your SharkLink account.

No matter where you are with preparing for your graduate admission exam, make sure to attend the **"It's Not Just Luck: Student Panel"** to get information from other NSU Sharks. The student panel will be led by seniors who have successfully completed their exams and are looking to give advice and share their own experience of test preparation. There will be time to ask questions regarding any topic related to graduate admission exams. This student panel event will be held in DeSantis 1053 on March 27 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. For additional information please visit: [www.nova.edu/tutoring-testing/study-resources/test-preparation](http://www.nova.edu/tutoring-testing/study-resources/test-preparation).

By: Stephanie Hess-Soto, Assistant Director of Testing, Tutoring and Testing Center



In need of business professional attire? Students are welcome to take (and keep) one professional outfit and borrow one accessory free of charge for interviews, networking events and more!

Schedule your Razor's Career Closet appointment today by selecting the **"Razor's Career Closet"** appointment type on your Handshake account. *\*You must attend a career advising appointment or drop-in advising session in order to schedule a Career Closet appointment*



If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Morrissey at (954) 262-7258 or [mm4235@nova.edu](mailto:mm4235@nova.edu)

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Being a dual admission student has been very important to me because it has motivated me to be successful throughout my undergraduate studies. Since my early high school years, I had set a goal to pursue medicine and the dual admission program allowed me to be one step closer to achieving this goal. The dual admission program has also encouraged me to be involved in the field of medicine as much as possible, which further allowed me to understand the importance of medicine.

In order to be a successful dual admission student, I believe that one should always be in the search of new opportunities. One such opportunity I was offered was being a dual admission ambassador. The privilege of being an ambassador has really been a great experience. From planning events to voicing ideas and opinions of other dual admission students, this opportunity has been one that I will never forget. Additionally, I believe that being involved in activities on campus is also vital to becoming a successful student. As a junior, I am also in the process of researching and applying to medical schools and of course, preparing for the MCAT. Through tutoring and testing services, I learned about the many different and helpful resources offered to help in the process of preparing for such professional exams. Furthermore, there are many events offered by the dual admission program, such as the transition session designed to aid students in preparation for professional schools. I recommend for all students to take advantage of these resources and events as you won't find them anywhere else.



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**Junior**

**Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)  
Dual Admission Student  
transitioning 2020**

## We would like to feature YOU in our next edition.

Did you go somewhere this year representing NSU in any capacity? Whether it was for research, networking, presenting, study abroad, athletic event, community service, etc., we would love to share your experience with our dual admission community. If you'd like to share your experience and a relevant photo, please contact Desiree Rivera at [drivera@nova.edu](mailto:drivera@nova.edu) for more information.

As a reminder, The Dual Admission Program is located in the Carl DeSantis Building on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.