

## Dr. Daniel Hatton Receives Alumni Award



On January 19, during NSU's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Excellence event, Daniel K. Hatton, Ph.D., an adjunct associate professor of biomedical informatics, received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from NSU's Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences, which is where he earned his Ph.D. in Information Systems and Management in 1991.

## Monty Islam Earns HIMSS Scholarship

Monty Islam, M.S.B.I. ('10) a graduate of the college's Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.B.I.) program, received a significant honor at the 2012 Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Annual Conference and Exhibition, which was held February 20-24 in Las Vegas, Nevada. During the event, Islam was one of several individuals selected nationwide as a recipient of a \$5,000 HIMSS Foundation Scholarship. This marks the second consecutive year an NSU-COM biomedical informatics student or graduate received this prestigious honor.

## Clarissa Alexander Secures NIH Internship



Clarissa Alexander, a current M.S.B.I. student, was awarded an internship at the National Human Genome Research Institute—a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—that will commence in the summer of 2012. The NIH is esteemed as one of the world's principal medical research hubs and it is at the heart of federal medical research conducted in the

United States. This rare and unique experience will allow Alexander to enhance her skills and strengthen her knowledge base in relevant biomedical informatics research.

## M.S.B.I. At OMEL Conference

On January 13, NSU-COM hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership Conference session on "Using EMRs to Improve Clinical Practice." Various faculty members, students, and alumni from the M.S.B.I. program participated. Volunteers distributed information while networking with fellow students and colleagues. The session was chaired by Jennie Q. Lou, M.D., M.Sc., who serves as director of the college's M.S.B.I. program.

## Miami-Dade EHR Symposium Participation

On January 31, eight M.S.B.I. students and alumni participated in the Third Annual Electronic Health Record Symposium held in Miami, Florida. The symposium showcased hands-on experience with new technologies, provided networking opportunities to students, and brought physicians and experts together to discuss the finalization of meaningful use, electronic health record (EHR) vendor certification, and policy changes related to informatics in health care. The symposium sought to educate and prepare students to assist physicians with the implementation and training of EHRs.



## M.S.B.I. at HIMSS Conference

M.S.B.I. students, alumni, and faculty/staff members attended the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Annual Conference & Exhibition held February 20-24 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference included 300-plus education sessions, over 1,000 exhibitors, and ample networking opportunities with the more than 37,000 attendees.



## Strategic Planning Session

On February 16, the M.S.B.I. program held a strategic planning meeting to review the program's current goals and plans for the future. The session was facilitated by Kristi Messer, M.P.H., M.S.W., assistant project director of the college's Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness, and hosted by Leonard Levy, D.P.M., M.P.H., associate dean of education, planning, and research.