

**Nova Southeastern University** was named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This designation is the highest honor a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.



**OMS-III Britani Martinez** was named national president elect for the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and will assume the position of national president and chair of AMSA's Board of Trustees—the organization's highest governing body—in 2014. After graduating

from NSU-COM in May 2014, she will take a year off before beginning her residency to commit to the AMSA presidential role. Martinez will travel the country to represent the nation's medical students on topics such as medical student debt and pharmaceutical influence in medical education. She is the second osteopathic student in AMSA's 63-year history to earn this prestigious honor.

The college's **Pediatrics Club** recently won the national Pediatric Club Student Poster of the Year award from the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians for its poster detailing the activities it accomplished during the past year. The award was presented during the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians Spring Conference held April 25-28 in Columbus, Ohio.



**Larkin Community Hospital (LCH)**, which is a member of the college's Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education, was named one of the safest hospitals for patients by The Leapfrog Group. LCH achieved an A in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which is the gold standard for comparing the performance of hospitals nationwide based on national standards of safety, quality, and efficiency that are most important to consumers and employers that purchase care. Larkin is one of Florida's 12 statutory teaching hospitals and the largest osteopathic teaching hospital in the nation.

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## Biomedical Informatics Synopsis



Alumnus **Halimat Jinadu, M.S.B.I.**, and student **Anthony Meglino** were the first to secure positions in the Clinical Information Systems (CIS) Internship at NSU's medical clinics. They began their yearlong positions in January 2013 and November 2012, respectively, and are assisting with the implementation of specific tasks of clinical information solutions in support of NSU Clinical Information Systems. *Pictured (from left) are Halimat Jinadu, Mohamed Aboseada, NextGen template editor for NSU's Clinical Information Systems, and Anthony Meglino.*

Several students and alumni have successfully acquired NextGen Certified Professional (NCP) electronic health record certification. They are **Sergio Depres, M.S.**, **Christopher Gaarlandt, Anthony Meglino, Elizabeth Oviawe, M.S., M.S.B.I.**, **Juan Plaza, Troy Rubizovsky, M.I.B.A.**, and **Jenna Shrigley, M.S.B.I.**

Recent graduate **Mark Carnemolla, M.S.B.I.**, completed an evaluation of the Dragon Medical voice recognition software used at Cleveland Clinic Florida (CCF). The following students and alumni have completed or are doing internships at CCF focusing on various projects: **Eduardo Garcia, April Green, and Kaylesh Pandya, D.O., M.S.B.I.**, are currently working on an evaluation of the patient discharge process at CCF. **Alina Parbtani, M.S.B.I.**, completed an evaluation of Workstations on Wheels and iPads used at CCF, while **Troy Rubizovsky, M.I.B.A.**, is developing a system to monitor volunteer activity in the otorhinolaryngology (ENT) department at CCF.

## Julian, Palestro Receive Recognition



On April 11, second-year students **Elyse Julian** (left) and **Andrea Palestro** (right) received awards from NSU's Office of Student Leadership



and Civic Engagement during the Student Leadership Awards Program, which takes place annually during the winter semester and recognizes exceptional achievements and service on the campus and in the community.

Julian won the Rising Star Student of the Year Award for her outstanding contributions to NSU student life, which include being involved in an on-campus research project related to interdisciplinary health professionalism.

Palestro received the Service Shining Star Student Volunteer Award for her numerous community service endeavors, which include volunteering last summer in Mexico at a medical clinic and orphanage as well as in Nicaragua at a children's cancer home.