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In honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, KPCOM administrators and faculty and staff members gathered on October 26 to support the annual event.

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GRANTS UPDATE

Due to the confidentiality clauses of certain grant agreements, we are only permitted to publish funded grants that are listed monthly in the Office of Sponsored Programs administrative report package.

Immunomodulation in GWI

Amount: \$732,161

Principal Investigator: Lubov Nathanson, Ph.D., M.Sc.

Funder: DOD-U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity

Project Period: September 30, 2018–September 29, 2021

Model State-Supported Area Health Education Centers

Amount: \$186,123

Principal Investigator: Steven Zucker, D.M.D., M.Ed.

Funder: University of Florida

Project Period: September 1, 2018–August 31, 2019

Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions

Amount: \$70,568

Principal Investigator: M. Isabel Fernandez, Ph.D., M.A.

Funder: University of North Carolina

Project Period: June 1, 2018–May 31, 2019

Cooperative Project to Develop and Provide Opioid Training for Medical Providers in the State of Florida

Amount: \$16,500

Principal Investigator: Steven Zucker, D.M.D., M.Ed.

Funder: Florida State University

Project Period: September 7, 2018–January 31, 2019

KPCOM, DENTAL COLLEGE WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (KPCOM) and the NSU College of Dental Medicine received the 2019 Gies Award for Innovation—Academic Dental Institution from the ADEAGies Foundation. The award honors the colleges' collaborative D.O./D.M.D. degree program, which was established in 2007 and graduated its first two students in 2013.

The William J. Gies Award for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement recognizes significant contributions to oral health and dental education and pays tribute to individuals, institutions, and organizations that embody the ideals set forth more than 90 years ago by William J. Gies, Ph.D.

Delia Harper-Celestine, Ed.D., M.P.H., assistant dean of student and alumni affairs, and Hilda De Gaetano, D.O., M.S., FACOP, FAAP, senior assistant dean, are the KPCOM administrators of this award-winning program.

“This degree remains the only joint D.O./D.M.D. degree in the United States and now has seven graduates who are truly pioneers since they are integrating oral and overall health,” said Linda C. Niessen, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.P.P., dean of the College of Dental Medicine. “Some are practicing dentistry and incorporating medicine into their practices, while others are practicing medicine and incorporating oral health into their practices.”



Staff Snapshot

Getting to Know... BARBARA DIANA GILBERT



Family Facts: I am the mother of two boys and a proud grandmother of four boys.

Date of Hire: June 27, 2011

Official NSU-KPCOM responsibilities: I work as the administrative assistant for the Department of Internal Medicine and the Department of Pediatrics. My role is to guarantee complete professionalism in every aspect of my work responsibilities and to perform to the best of my ability. The work is challenging, but I bring to the table years of administrative and professional experience.

Reasons I enjoy working at NSU-KPCOM: I have been privileged to meet and work for a host of excellent doctors, medical professionals, and staff members who spurred me on to excel in areas that seemed completely out of reach. The opportunities are endless if one is willing to persevere, conquer the difficult trails, and reach for what seems to be unattainable heights. I have also met an array of kind and wonderfully amazing friends with whom I have shared much fun and laughter—and even sad times. The experience has been limitless.



What did you do professionally before joining NSU-KPCOM?

My journey has taken me to enormous heights as a corporate professional. I have worked for many top institutions and organizations, including Toronto University, Lever Brothers, Price Waterhouse, the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the New Jersey Bar Association, which is a legal affiliation of the Governor's office under the New Jersey Legislature.

My employment at the New Jersey State Bar Association afforded me a level of legal knowledge that surpassed all of my experiences thus far, with most of the training occurring at the New Jersey Legislature. After migrating to South Florida, and prior to joining NSU, I briefly held a position at the Broward County Courthouse. I was then hired by a law firm, where I received an in-depth view of the human mind from a criminal perspective in terms of the mistakes we can make as human beings, and the lasting effect it creates in our lives. This has left me with a lasting sense of humility.

Greatest achievement in life: I have achieved many positive things; however, the ability to find myself came through words. Self-expression is a major accomplishment. My thoughts first came in sentences, then paragraphs, then pages and pages of data. I believe I was granted a heavenly gift of self-evaluation through thoughts and feelings that gave me a heart for others. I discovered that in order for me to give of myself, I had to first find me.

STAFF SNAPSHOT: BARBARA DIANA GILBERT (continued)



Favorite way to unwind when not at work:

Along the way, I learned the importance of physical activity, taught by many ardent teachers. I learned that maintaining a healthy body was extremely essential. It went hand-in-hand with personal achievements and fulfilling passions of any kind. A healthy mind and body enhance one's thoughts and reasoning. Two passions I hold near and dear to me are reading and physical activity, which I pursue without fail.

My coworkers would be surprised to know this about me:

I traveled to Europe on a 10-day whirlwind vacation to Belgium, London, England, Switzerland, and Paris, France, and was accepted into the world of modeling in my early years, but turned it down for a more feasible way of life.

I also serve as a national advocate for the mentally ill and Women in Distress, as well as a voice for domestic violence victims. I am a published author of several works, including the book *Spiritual Journey of a Child* about a young woman's struggle through the darkest regions of her life.

The most exciting thing that ever happened to me:

There are many exciting moments, including having my articles accepted for publication in the college's *be Still* journal of the medical humanities, which was spearheaded by Dr. Elaine Wallace. My published pieces are "Womanhood: All the Women of Our Generations" and my "Rescue in a Dark World." I was also given an opportunity to participate in a domestic violence presentation chaired by Drs. Kenneth Johnson and Janet Roseman-Halsband.

I would like to thank Dr. Wallace, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Roseman-Halsband for giving me the opportunity to excel in my craft. I am forever indebted.

When I retire, I plan to: I plan to work on my autobiography, travel, spend time with my grandchildren, and counsel young women regarding domestic violence, self-motivation, and the pursuit of excellence.

Three words that best describe me:

Resourceful, self-motivated, and kind.



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LIVING THE VALUES RECIPIENTS AND NOMINEES

The purpose of the Living the Values program is to recognize coworkers who are living NSU's eight core values on a continuum. Each month, the college solicits nominations for that month's specific core value. Two winners will be selected monthly representing both a faculty and a staff member, if applicable.

The August *opportunity* winner was **Theresa Schilthorn**, M.S., CTTS, special project manager for the Area Health Education Center.

The September *scholarship/research* recipients were **Stephen Grant**, Ph.D., associate professor of public health, and **Gordon Henry**, M.B.A., AHEC educational services coordinator.

Warm colors, good food, and great costumes made for another fun-filled Fall Harvest Fest celebrated by the NSU-KPCOM Staff Council. The October 30 event helped mark the first anniversary of *Collaborations*, which debuted in November 2017.

Aixa Vargas, M.B.A., project coordinator, dressed as a Hawaiian princess and played the perfect hostess to colleagues and the event's speaker, Katherine Tossas, M.S.Ed.—a life and marriage coach, inspirational speaker, and leadership trainer. Known as “Koach Katherine,” Tossas endeavors to encourage, empower, and equip individuals and organizations to operate at their fullest potential.

At the head of the costume class were winners Jordan Mathis, M.S., director of student and alumni affairs, and Denise Raof, executive assistant to the dean. Mathis, dressed as Slash from Guns N' Roses, was judged most creative, while Raof, in her mysterious getup as Grimhilde the hag queen from *Snow White*, was judged the scariest.

Staff Council Enjoys Costumes and Camaraderie



HARVEST



Fall



Fond Farewells

EDWARD PACKER RETIRES FROM THE KPCOM

On August 13, the college coordinated a farewell reception for Edward E. Packer, D.O., FAAP, FACOP, assistant dean of clinical affairs. After more than 17 years with the KPCOM, Packer announced his retirement and relocation to Asheville, North Carolina.

“I have made many friends at our college, mentored and taught so many outstanding students, and built relationships with so many families as I watched their children grow,” said Packer in his retirement announcement. “The collegiality, professionalism, and dedication in our college has made me so very proud to say I had the opportunity to be a part of this remarkable institution. I am certain our college has a remarkable future with our new campus, our amazing dean, and the dedicated staff and faculty members that make our college so great.”



From left: Attendees at Packer's retirement reception were Bruce Peters, D.O., FACOP, FAAP, chair of the Department of Pediatrics; Edward Packer; and Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S.⁴, dean of the KPCOM.

FACULTY TRIO SEEKS NEW HORIZONS

On August 28, Kira Fenton, D.O., Kenya Rivas, M.D., CMD, and Cristina Savu, D.O., bid farewell to the college at a reception held in their honor. All three left the college to pursue new professional opportunities.

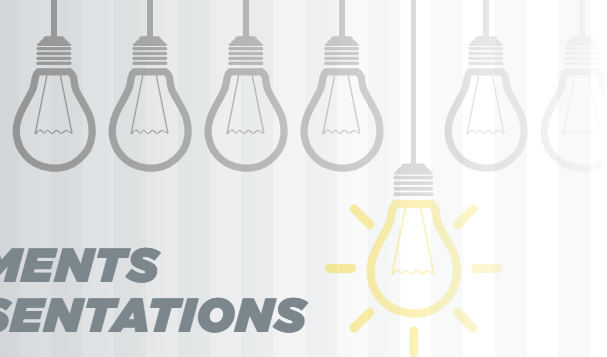
Rivas, who served as assistant professor and vice chair of the Department of Geriatrics and began her KPCOM employment in June 2009, left the college to become the market medical director of Optum at UnitedHealthcare in South Florida. “I enjoyed working at the KPCOM because I professionally developed my career under a very friendly and supportive environment.”

Fenton and Savu, who were both assistant professors of internal medicine, left the college to open a medical practice in east Fort Lauderdale.



From left: Kira Fenton; Cristina Savu; Samuel Snyder, D.O., FACP, FACOI, FASN, chair of the Department of Internal Medicine; Kenya Rivas; and Naushira Pandya, M.D., CMD, FACP, chair of the Department of Geriatrics

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

KARA BRIËN, M.B.A., CSSBB, CAPM, academic program manager in the Office of Clinical Education, received her Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB) certification in September from the American Society for Quality.

THOMAS BROWN, D.O., FAFM, assistant professor of family medicine and sports medicine fellow, along with 2016 KPCOM alumnae **Charee Howard**, D.O., and **Barbara Farrell**, D.O., coauthored the article “Confluent and Reticulated Papillomatosis” in the February 2018 issue of *Consultant 360*.

ROGERIO FAILLACE, M.D., FAAP, assistant professor of pediatrics, coauthored the case report “A Two-Year-Old Boy with Non-Bloody Red Stool,” which was published in the winter-spring 2018 issue of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians *eJournal*.

MARIE FLORENT-CARRE, D.O., M.P.H.; **Gina Foster-Moumoutjis**, M.D.; **Cyril Blavo**, D.O., M.S., M.P.H. and T.M., FACOP; **Luzan Phillipotts**, D.O., M.P.H.; and **Bindu S. Mayi**, Ph.D., M.Sc., coauthored “Zika Virus: A Review for Family Physicians,” which was published in the September/October issue of *Osteopathic Family Physician*.

JAMES T. HOWELL, M.D., M.P.H., assistant dean of professional relations, received a Legacy Award for his dedicated and tireless service to the health care needs of patients in Palm Beach County at the Health Care District of Palm Beach County’s 30th Anniversary Legacy Awards reception. Howell is one of the district’s founding members.

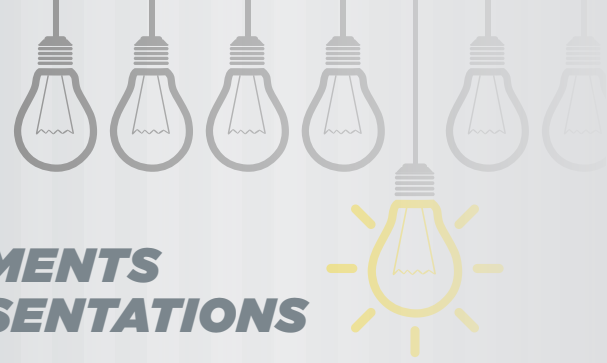
BINDU S. MAYI, Ph.D., M.Sc., professor of microbiology, was named the College of Medical Sciences Professor of the Year during the NSU 17th Annual Faculty Reception in October. The Professor of the Year honor recognizes significant contributions to research, scholarship, and exceptional instruction.

NAUSHIRA PANDYA, M.D., CMD, FACP, professor and chair of the Department of Geriatrics and director of the Geriatrics Education Center, lectured on “Optimizing Insulin Delivery” at the International Conference on Diabetes and its Complications in Houston, Texas, on October 24. She also discussed “Navigating Diabetes Care” at the Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine conference in Orlando on October 12, as well as “Diabetes Management” at the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association Mid-Year Seminar in Tampa on September 15. Additionally, Pandya was featured in the article “Keeping Alzheimer’s in Mind” in *Lifestyle* magazine.



From left: George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., NSU president and CEO; Bindu Mayi; and Ralph Rogers, Ph.D., NSU provost and executive vice president for academic affairs

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ROSEMAN-HALSBAND



ROZENFELD

JANET L. ROSEMAN-HALSBAND, Ph.D., M.S., assistant professor of integrative medicine, authored “Empowerment: The Key to Healing” for Sharsharet—an online organization that supports women with cancer. She also presented “Arts-Based Medicine: How Frida Kahlo’s Rich Life Serves as a Model for Understanding Compassion and Suffering in a Osteopathic Medical School Curriculum” at the Creativity and Madness Seminars in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

IRINA ROZENFELD, M.S.H.S., M.S.N., A.P.R.N., ANP-BC, CCRP, assistant professor for the Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine, recently earned her Master of Science in Health Sciences degree from the integrative medicine program at the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences in Washington, D.C.

MARK SANDHOUSE, D.O., M.S., associate dean of administration and professor of osteopathic principles and practice, was named KPCOM Professor of the Year during the NSU 17th Annual Faculty Reception in October. The Professor of the Year honor recognizes significant contributions to research, scholarship, and exceptional instruction.

MARIA VERA-NUNEZ, M.D., ABOIM, IFMCP, assistant professor of clinical immunology and integrative medicine, coauthored the article “Diabetes Treatment in the Elderly: Incorporating Geriatrics, Technology, and Functional Medicine,” which was published in the September issue of *Current Diabetes Reports*.

ELAINE M. WALLACE, D.O., M.S.⁴, dean of the KPCOM, was recognized by *Florida Medical Business* magazine as one of Florida’s leading women in medicine and by the *South Florida Business Journal* as one of the Power Leaders in Health Care in South Florida. Additionally, Wallace, a true lifelong learner, recently earned her fourth M.S. degree—an M.S. in Education, which focused on the management of curricular programs. To acknowledge her impressive accomplishment without listing each degree individually, Wallace’s four master’s degrees will be listed as M.S.⁴ in all future references.



From left: George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., NSU president and CEO; Mark Sandhouse; and Ralph Rogers, Ph.D., NSU provost and executive vice president for academic affairs



VERA-NUNEZ



WALLACE

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”
–Henry David Thoreau

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Transitions

ANJALI BHASIN, M.D., was promoted to director of osteopathic medical education at Broward Health.

ROSEMARY LUE-BARTON, B.Sc., is the new director of osteopathic clinical education at the Tampa Bay Regional Campus in Clearwater. She will be working on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus for the next several months.

LINDA MAURICE, M.A., was promoted to director of community education and lifelong learning.

New Hires

CHRISTINA ALVES is an administrative assistant II in the Office of Clinical Education.

BROOKS BARCLAY is an administrative assistant II in the Office of Clinical Education.

MELISSA BOGUSLAWSKI, M.P.H., joined the college as an assistant professor in public health.

JASON COHEN is the new program coordinator for the Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management program.

SASHA DAMIER, M.B.A., serves as a service specialist II.

MELISSA FELIX is an administrative coordinator I assisting with the AIM-High camps.

ROBIN J. JACOBS, Ph.D., M.S.W., M.S.B.I., M.P.H., a former KPCOM faculty member, rejoined the college as an associate professor and director of graduate medical education.

EBONY MORRIS is the career counseling adviser in the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs.

EDUARDO PLA joined the college in the role of budget analyst.

SASHA SAUNDERS joined the KPCOM team as a credentialing specialist.

IOANA SCRIPA, Ph.D., RDN, LDN, assistant professor, is the inaugural director for the new B.S. in Human Nutrition degree program, which is scheduled for a fall 2019 launch.

TRISHAWN SHIM is an administrative assistant I for integrative medicine and Memorial Health clinical rotations.

DESIREE SOTO is an administrative assistant I in the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs.

SHANIKA SUMMERALL joined the KPCOM as an instructional technology specialist I.

Pediatrics Faculty Members Participate in NSU Day for Children Event



KPCOM faculty members played a significant role at NSU's annual A Day for Children event held October 21 at the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. KPCOM Pediatrics Club members also volunteered their time, along with volunteers from the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine's Pediatric Interest Group.

In addition to providing various pediatric services, including growth-chart measuring and plotting, the attendees participated in fun activities such as face painting, trying on organ vests, and making balloon animals. A few of the KPCOM pediatricians also decided to add some musicality to A Day for Children by forming an informal band called the Rockin' Docs to perform a few songs onstage. The band consisted of Andrea Horbey, D.O., FACOP; Rogerio Faillace, M.D.; Cyril Blavo, D.O., M.S., M.P.H. and T.M., FACOP; medical assistant Letitia Plotner; and OMS-III student TJ Malik.





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