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FACULTY/STAFF TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

Odanna Duverge joined the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs on February 5 as an administrative assistant I. She previously worked as a temp in the M.P.H. Program and in student and alumni affairs.

Nicole Bras-Feliciano, who is the college's new credentialing specialist, joined the college on April 13.

Donrie Purcell joined the college on April 9 as an assessor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

Cheryl Roxborough joined the KPCOM staff on April 23 as an administrative assistant II in the M.P.H. Program.



PAULA ANDERSON-WORTS Named Assistant Dean of Faculty

Longtime faculty member Paula Anderson-Worts, D.O., M.P.H., was appointed KPCOM assistant dean of faculty. "For those of you who have known Dr. Anderson-Worts for a long time, you will attest to her kindness, her dedication to the osteopathic philosophy, and her 'big-picture' vision," said Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S., KPCOM dean.

FOND FAREWELL TO JENNIFFER SILVA

On March 9, the college coordinated a farewell reception for Jennifer Silva, who served as the assistant to the director in the Master of Public Health Program. Silva, who began working for the KPCOM in 2007, relocated to Orlando, Florida, where she plans to be a busy stay-at-home mom to her three children. "I'm going to miss my M.P.H. family, as I have grown, learned, and worked with amazing people," she said.



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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.

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, 2017–August 31, 2022

Scale It Up: Effectiveness-Implementation Research to Enhance HIV-Related Self-Management Among Youth

Amount: \$34,371
 Principal Investigator: M. Isabel Fernandez, Ph.D., M.A.
 Funder: Florida State University
 Project Period: August 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Diversity Scholars Program (Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN))

Amount: \$29,531
 Principal Investigator: M. Isabel Fernandez, Ph.D., M.A.
 Funder: University of North Carolina
 Project Period: December 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Get FruVed

Amount: \$3,000
 Principal Investigator: Stephanie Petrosky, M.H.A., RDN, FAND
 Funder: University of Tennessee Knoxville
 Project Period: August 1, 2017–July 31, 2019

HOWELL, PANDYA EARN STUEY NOMINATIONS

Naushira Pandya, M.D., CMD, professor and chair of the Department of Geriatrics, and **James T. Howell, M.D., M.P.H.**, assistant dean of professional relations, received nominations for the 20th Annual Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYS) held March 27 in the NSU Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Pandya was nominated in the Professor of the Year category, while Howell earned a nomination in the Cocurricular Adviser of the Year category.

For those unfamiliar with the STUEY Awards, the event honors the people and organizations that best exemplify the NSU Core Values of academic excellence, student centered, opportunity, scholarship/research, integrity, diversity, innovation, and community within the university community.



Naushira Pandya poses with George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., NSU president and CEO.



James T. Howell joins Hanbury for a commemorative photo.

Staff Snapshot



Chania with her son, Leonel

Getting to Know:
CHANIA VARGAS

Educational Background: I obtained my associate's degree from Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College in New York.

Family Facts: I am married to Luis M. Vargas, my wonderful husband of 34 years, and have a son, Leonel Louis Vargas, who we are so proud of for many reasons.

Date of Hire: October 25, 2010

Official NSU-KPCOM responsibilities: I am the administrative assistant to Dr. Jennifer Jordan, assistant dean of medical education. Besides being the assistant to the wonderful Dr. Jordan, I also help with the daily tasks of the department, specifically the focus groups, Ariba process, and student study tables.

Reasons I enjoy working at NSU-KPCOM: I enjoy how the Department of Medical Education helps the students to improve their grades by giving them resources in order to do better on their board exams. I see students come in for some help and see them leave with a smile on their faces—and even some with tears in their eyes.

What did you do professionally before joining NSU-KPCOM? I worked as a record coordinator at Miller Legg, a construction company. Before working at Miller Legg, I was an administrative assistant at a company named ILX in New York City.

Greatest achievement in life: My family. My husband and son are the greatest achievements of my life. I also have a great mother and two sisters and a brother, who complete my wonderful family.

Favorite way to unwind when not at work: The time I spend with my loved ones and my wonderful friends is priceless.

My coworkers would be surprised to know this about me: I love to dance and play softball. I do not like parties, but do like small reunions with friends.

The most exciting thing that ever happened to me: When I saw my son's face for the first time.

When I retire I plan to: Travel to different places with my husband.

Words that best describe me: Love to help, a listener, and friendly.

FACULTY DUO Welcomes New Family Members

Allesandra Posey, D.O., assistant professor and chair of the Department of Sports Medicine, and **Yasmin Qureshi**, D.P.T., M.H.S., M.P.T., associate professor of osteopathic principles and practice, welcomed new additions to their families.

Posey gave birth to son Dylan Andres Posey on February 19, while Qureshi welcomed daughter Celine Frank on March 3.



STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION HONORS

SUPERHEROES

Staff and faculty members marked April 23–27 as appreciation week with many ways to rally and recognize those who work hard and bring success. A popcorn bar, power snacks, sandwiches, and breakfast—along with an afternoon celebration of fictional and factual superheroes—highlighted the week.



Karlton Godfrey (left) and Marie Florent-Carre pose with their Living the Values awards.



From left: Justice League recipients Natacha Villedrouin, Delia Harper-Celestine, Cinthya Silva, Jordan Mathis, Marjorie Bell, Odanna Duverge, and Nelly Tejada

When it came to choosing superheroes, colleagues voted for the following individuals.

BATMAN AND ROBIN

(more of a trio than a duo)

Alfredo Rehbein, Blake Constantinides, and Roberta Duenas

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

Shauntae Roberts

PROFESSOR X

Gustavo Saldias

SUPERMAN

Justin Sowards

WONDER WOMAN

A trio of superstars—Jordan Mathis, Manelle St. Hilaire, and Odessa Pemberton

IRON MAN

Blake Constantinides

THE FLASH

Alfredo Rehbein

INVISIBLE WOMAN

Kara Brien

DAREDEVIL

Aixa Vargas

JUSTICE LEAGUE AWARD

A championship cup shared by coworkers in the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs— Delia Harper-Celestine, Marjorie Bell, Odanna Duverge, Jordan Mathis, Cinthya Silva, Nelly Tejada, and Natacha Villedrouin



Friday's breakfast ended the weeklong celebration. Nominees for NSU's Living the Values program, which observed the value of community for the month of April, included Mirela Burca, Nicola Cooper, Marie Florent-Carre, Karlton Godfrey, Odessa Pemberton, Maritza Portillo, Denise Raof, Shauntae Roberts, Nancy Roussell, Mark Sandhouse, Justin Sowards, and Elaine M. Wallace. The winners were **Karlton Godfrey**, administrative coordinator II, and

Marie Florent-Carre, D.O., M.P.H., assistant professor and director of rural and urban underserved medicine.

The Staff Council deserves significant kudos for creating such a memorable week. Thanks to Kara Brien, Roberta Duenas, Sadio Hazel, Odessa Pemberton, Maritza Portillo, Jonatan Salazar, and Aixa Vargas. You truly are appreciated!



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Wow!

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IPE Day Highlights the Importance of Interprofessional Collaboration

By Kim Valenti, M.S.
Director of Interprofessional Medicine

On March 19, the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (KPCOM) hosted the fourth annual Interprofessional Education (IPE) Day. More than 800 students attended—the largest number to date—from a variety of programs, including dental, law, nursing, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, psychology, and speech-language pathology.

In addition, the nutrition, exercise and sport science, anesthesiologist assistant, medical family therapy, and medical sciences programs conducted activities. All the hosts, including allopathic medicine, provided faculty members to serve as facilitators throughout the day. Students took part in an interprofessional case study and one interprofessional activity/experience. The case study allowed students from multiple professions to interact and discuss their approaches to caring for a patient with complex medical needs. Students also were assigned to an interprofessional experience, such as the KPCOM simulation lab or simulation clinic, a physical therapy skills lab, or a pharmacy device demo, among many others.

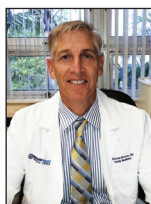
IPE Day is designed to offer health professions students the opportunity to learn from, with, and about each other. During the event, students engage to educate their peers about their respective professions, to better understand the roles of the various health professionals, and to recognize the points of interprofessional intersection among health professionals from different programs.



FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS



BRIEN



BROWN



BUCHANAN



FENTON



FERNANDEZ



FILS



FLEISHER



GRANT

Kara Brien, M.B.A., CAPM, academic program manager in the Office of Clinical Education, received her Master of Business Administration with a concentration in process improvement from the NSU H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship in May. Her next goal is to obtain her Six Sigma Black Belt Certification.

Thomas Brown, D.O., FAFM, assistant professor of family medicine and a sports medicine fellow, had his article “Pure Autonomic Failure” published in *Practical Neurology*. The article highlighted the histopathologic findings of the devastating disease, which results in dramatic drops in blood pressure—often leading to the inability to stand or resulting in frank syncope.

Dave A. Buchanan, Ed.D., M.B.A., program manager and assistant professor of the Biomedical Informatics Program, authored the article “Education’s Role in Precision Medicine,” which was published in the April 2018 issue of *For the Record* magazine. The article highlighted the instrumental role informatics will play in the evolving field of precision medicine.

Traci-lyn Eisenberg, D.O., assistant professor of family medicine and director of the Simulated Patient Program, received a Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) Presidential Recognition Award for her efforts in launching the FOMA New Physicians in Practice group.

Kira Fenton, D.O., assistant professor of internal medicine, is now board certified in bariatric medicine by the American Board of Obesity Medicine.

Isa Fernandez, Ph.D., M.A., professor of public health, was elected chair of the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN) Executive Committee. The ATN is a research network supported by the National Institutes of Health with an annual budget of \$22 million. As chair, Fernandez will lead the development

of the ATN’s research agenda and prioritization process, direct monitoring and evaluation functions, and serve as the network’s ambassador and liaison to federal agencies, other networks, and scientific bodies.

Melissa Fils, B.Sc., a KPCOM administrative staff member with NSU’s Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine and a KPCOM Master of Public Health student, was accepted into a highly competitive program to attend the 16th annual Paul Ambrose Scholars Program Student Leadership Symposium, held April 9–10 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Fils joined 40 other medical, physician assistant, dental, pharmacy, physical/occupation therapy, public health, and graduate nursing students from across the country who are dedicated to bringing health promotion and preventive approaches to health professions education and their communities. The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program honors Paul Ambrose, M.D., M.P.H., who was aboard American Airlines flight 77, which was hijacked on September 11, 2001.

Jay M. Fleisher, Ph.D., M.S., M.A., associate professor in the Master of Public Health Program, was invited to sit on the dissertation committee of a doctoral student at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The student’s dissertation builds on the work of Fleisher’s 2006 publication in the area of environmental epidemiological studies.

Stephen G. Grant, Ph.D., associate professor of public health, authored “The Arrow of Carcinogenesis” in the *Journal of Molecular Cancer*. He also presented talks on “Active and Passive Smoking Effects in Newborns and their Mothers” and “Genetic Toxicology of Cancer: Mechanisms of Somatic Segregation” at the NSU Doctor of Health Science Alumni Symposium and the Importance of Genetics in Pediatric Nursing Lecture Series sponsored by the Matthew Forbes Romer Foundation, respectively. Additionally, he coauthored two poster presentations at the NSU Health Professions Division Research Day.



TRACI-LYN EISENBERG, D.O., RECEIVES FOMA PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

From left:
Lee Ann Brown, D.O., FOMA director-at-large;
Ronald J. Renuart, Sr., D.O., FACP, 2017–2018 FOMA president;
and Traci-lyn Eisenberg

FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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LEVY



MCCARTHY



RIVAS



ROSEMAN-HALSBAND



SERNA



SILVAGNI



TEWARY

Leonard A. Levy, D.P.M., M.P.H., professor emeritus and former associate dean for research and innovation, serves as a reviewer for *Academic Medicine*, the publication of the Association of American Medical Colleges representing all of the allopathic medical schools in the United States and Canada. Levy, who was a Fulbright scholar in 2009 serving in Bratislava, Slovakia, also serves as a reviewer for the Fulbright Association assessing candidates applying for Fulbright scholarships. He also is a life member of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Heather Carricoffe McCarthy, D.O., associate professor of medical education and osteopathic principles and practice, was appointed to the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME) COMLEX-USA Level 3 Advisory Committee and the NBOME Case Development Committee for Performance Evaluation.

Kenya Rivas, M.D., CMD, assistant professor of geriatrics, was appointed to serve as a member of The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine's annual Conference Program Planning Subcommittee. The committee members search for evidence-based education in the post-acute and long-term care setting, aiming to provide best-practices implementation and improved quality within work settings while offering continuing education credits and networking opportunities in the geriatrics arena.

Janet L. Roseman-Halsband, Ph.D., assistant professor of integrative medicine, was chosen as a member of the Cochrane Collaborative, a research group in integrative medicine. She edited an ongoing section in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Complementary and Integrative Medicine* on the topics of somatics and trauma. She also authored the article "The Sidney Project in

Spirituality and Medicine and Compassionate Care: Can it Make a Difference in Residency Education for Physician Residents?" which was published in the April issue of the *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*. Additionally, she will present a paper on the use of artwork with medical students at the Creativity and Madness seminars July 30–August 3 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Claudia A. Serna, Ph.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of public health, presented her poster "Community Dental Health Coordinators in South Florida: A Case Management Approach to Improve Access to Dental Care" at the National Oral Health Conference held April 16–18 in Louisville, Kentucky. She also was recognized as a new Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health during the 68th Annual Diplomate Meeting on April 16 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D., M.S., FACOFP dist., FCPP, dean emeritus and director of international medicine, served as the keynote speaker at the Florida chapter of the Bangladesh Medical Association of North America Annual Convention held April 28 in Fort Lauderdale.

Sweta Tewary, Ph.D., M.S.W., assistant professor of medical education, coauthored "Impacts of Initial Transformation to a Patient-Centered Medical Home on Diabetes Outcomes in Federally Qualified Health Centers in Florida," which was published in a recent issue of the *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*.

Nathan Widboom, D.O., assistant professor of osteopathic principles and practice, recently passed his board certification exam in neuromusculoskeletal medicine.



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