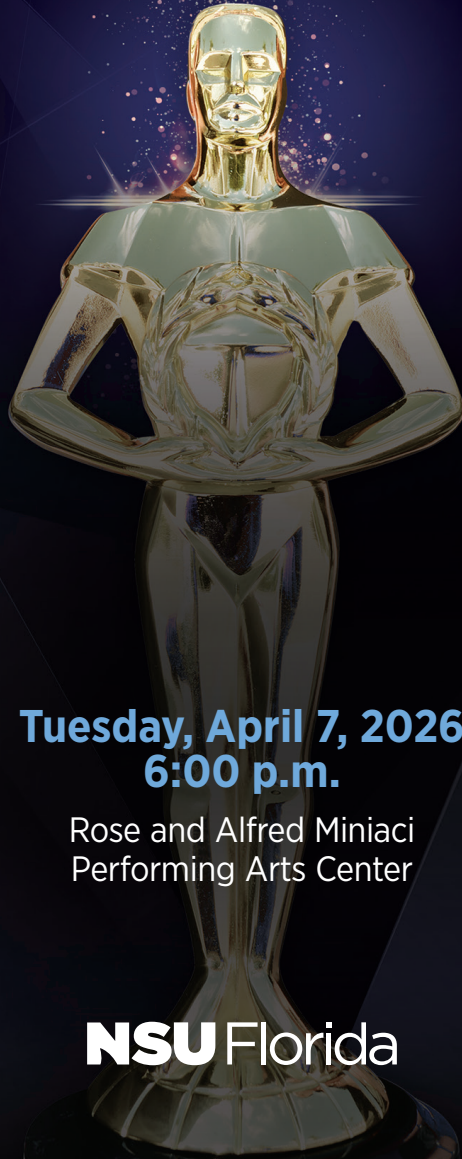


THE 28TH ANNUAL

STUEYS

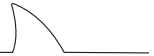
STUDENT LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Rose and Alfred Miniaci
Performing Arts Center

NSU Florida



Welcome

Good evening, and welcome to the 28th Annual Student Life Achievement Awards!

Tonight is a celebration of impact and of the people and organizations who bring energy, purpose, and meaning to the Nova Southeastern University experience. The Student Life Achievement Awards, or the “STUEYs,” recognize those who go beyond expectations to shape our campus community in powerful and lasting ways.

This evening, we honor individuals who lead with intention, who show up for others, and who make a difference not for recognition, but because they believe in something greater than themselves. Our nominees represent the very best of NSU. They are students, faculty and staff members, and organizations who create connection, inspire growth, and leave every space better than they found it.

For more than two decades, the STUEYs have celebrated not just achievement, but influence. It is the kind of influence that builds community, strengthens relationships, and moves us forward together. The stories represented here tonight remind us that leadership looks different for everyone, but its impact is always felt.

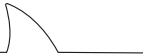
At NSU, we are proud to be Sharks. We are bold, driven, and always moving forward. Just like the Mako shark, our nominees do not stand still. They adapt, they persevere, and they continue to push boundaries in pursuit of excellence.

Tonight, we recognize their contributions, celebrate their journeys, and thank them for the role they play in making NSU such a vibrant and dynamic community.

Congratulations to all of our nominees. Your impact truly defines who we are.

Go Sharks!

Gerard Wheeler
Executive Director of Student Experience
Nova Southeastern University



2026 NSU Student of the Year Nominees and NSU Academic Deans

Matthew Struble	Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice Kimberly Durham, Psy.D., Dean
Jonathan Iglesias	Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D., Dean
Arman Gasparyan	College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity Meline Kevorkian, Ed.D., Dean
Manuel Miguel	College of Dental Medicine Steven I. Kaltman, D.M.D., M.D., FACS, Dean and Professor
Jayne Podgorowicz	College of Optometry Linda S. Rouse, O.D., M.B.A., FAAO, Dean
Paige Meisner	College of Psychology Karen Grosby, Ed.D., Dean
Aman Patel	Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine Chad A. Perlyn, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., Dean
Alexandra Lens	Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., Ed.S., M.S., M.S., M.S., M.S., Dean
Amber Paquette	Halmos College of Arts and Sciences Robin Cooper, Ph.D., Dean
Rakeem Richards	H. Wayne Huiזengא College of Business and Entrepreneurship Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., Interim Dean
Oswaldo Luciano	Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing Stefanie La Manna, Ph.D., M.P.H., A.P.R.N., AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, Dean
Aidan Wealcatch	NSU University School William J. Kopas, Ed.D., Head of School
Illansy Ruiz	Shepard Broad College of Law Olympia R. Duhart, J.D., Dean

2026 Student Life Achievement Award Finalists

GRADUATE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians—
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
American Student Dental Association—College of Dental Medicine
Criminal Law Society—Shepard Broad College of Law
Graduate Organization for Partnership and Learning with Adolescents and Youth—
College of Psychology
Student Chapter of Doctors Without Borders—
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

REGIONAL CAMPUS ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

American Pharmacists Association—NSU Puerto Rico
Anesthesiologist Assistant Student Association—NSU Orlando
Student Nurses Association—NSU Fort Myers
Tom Lemlay Student Society—NSU Jacksonville
Student Occupational Therapy Association—NSU Tampa Bay

ATHLETICS TEAM OF THE YEAR

2024-2025 Men's Basketball Team
Sharkettes Dance Team
Women's Basketball Team
2025-2026 Women's Soccer Team
Women's Swimming Team

UNDERGRADUATE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Fin Films—Student Affairs
Green Sharks Sustainability Club—Student Affairs
Inter-Organizational Council—Student Affairs
NSU Psychology Club—Student Affairs
Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board)—Student Affairs

STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF THE YEAR

Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy Student Government Association
College of Psychology Student Government Association
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Student Government Association
Halmos College of Arts and Sciences Student Government Association
Undergraduate Student Government Association

COCURRICULAR ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Traliyah Carey—Student Affairs
Maria Fimiani, Psy.D.—College of Psychology
Renee Johnson—University Advancement
Devada Singh-Franco, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy
Marilyn Uzdavines, J.D.—Shepard Broad College of Law

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Carmen Rodriguez—Halmos College of Arts Sciences
Seth Mangasarian—Facilities Management
Sherrol Reynolds, O.D.—College of Optometry
Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D.—NSU Health
Silvia Yepes—College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity

REGIONAL CAMPUS STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Neslihan Caliskan, B.A.—NSU Tampa Bay
Maria Cardona Patino—NSU Palm Beach
Torin Enevoldsen—NSU Orlando
Shira Isaak—NSU Fort Myers
Roxana Riesgo—NSU Miami
Reilly Shortly—NSU Jacksonville
Yoemmariel Serrano Natal—NSU Puerto Rico

STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR

Marci Bulterman—Halmos College of Arts and Sciences
Lisa Ferrara, Ed.D.—NSU Libraries
Lourdes Laboy, M.S.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy
Briana Torres-Boqn—Academic Affairs
Latesha Ware—College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Gregory Fecho, O.D.—College of Optometry
Jon Garon—Shepard Broad College of Law
Elda Kanzki-Veloso, Ph.D.—College of Psychology
Maria Chamorro, O.T.D.—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
Alexandra Perez, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

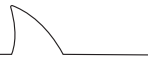
Lori Eikleberry—College of Psychology
Wendy Garrido—Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice
Maria C. Gonzalez, Esq.—Shepard Broad College of Law
Primrose Monfries—Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
Blanca Rivera, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Olympia Duhart, J.D.—Shepard Broad College of Law
Kenneth Johnson, D.O.—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
Stacy Pena-Villalobos, Ed.D.—Financial Aid and Academic Records
Chad A. Perlyn, M.D.—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
Elizabeth Shepherd, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Arman Gasparyan—College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity
Jonathan Iglesias—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy
Alexandra Lens—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
Oswaldo Luciano—Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
Paige Meisner, M.S.—College of Psychology
Manuel Miguel—College of Dental Medicine
Amber Paquette, B.S.—Halmos College of Arts and Sciences
Aman Patel—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
Jayme Podgorowicz—College of Optometry
Rakeem Richards—H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Illansy Ruiz—Shepard Broad College of Law
Matthew Struble—Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice
Aidan Wealcatch—NSU University School



What are the odds of being nominated for a STUEY?

From a total of **20,580 students** there are 22 finalists

From a total of **546 executives (executive, administrative, managerial)** there are 5 finalists

From a total of **857 professors** there are 5 finalists

From a total of **221,996 alumni** there are 5 finalists

From a total of **1,384 administrators** there are 5 finalists

From a total of **870 staff members** there are 5 finalists

From a total of **500 clubs and organizations** there are 15 finalists

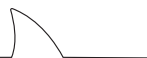
From a total of **480 cocurricular advisors** there are 4 finalists

From a total of **17 athletic teams** there are 4 finalists

From a total of **13 student government associations** there are 5 finalists

**Congratulations to all of our finalists.
You represent the best of Nova Southeastern University!**

Sources: *NSU Fact Book*, NSU Office of Human Resources, NSU Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement, NSU Division of Business Services, NSU Office of Intercollegiate Athletics, and NSU Student Activity Fee Accounts Office



How Are the STUEYs Selected?

NOMINATIONS

Every NSU student and faculty and staff member is eligible for nomination. Each nominee is selected by the Student Life Achievement Awards nominating commission, composed of cross-functional professionals from NSU's academic units and departments.

The Student of the Year nominees are selected by the participating academic deans of NSU's academic units.

VOTING

The Student Life Achievement Awards voting commission is composed of the university's executive leadership and former STUEY award winners, who become permanent delegates to the Knights of the Academy and will be a part of the voting process for future winners. This tradition will continue at NSU for years to come.

*You can attend class
and receive a degree,
or you can become involved
and receive an education.*

PREVIOUS STUEY WINNERS

2025

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletic Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Emily Murphy, M.S.
2023–2024 NSU Women's Basketball Team
Clearwater Free Clinic
Animal-Assisted Interventions (AAI) Organization
Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board)
Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy
Student Government Association
Taaron Branch, B.S.
Danielle Broussard, R.D.
Ruth Shaw, M.S.L.I.S.
Joyce Arias, B.S.
James Munoz, Ph.D.
Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D.
John M. O'Brien, Pharm.D.
Luisa Torres

2024

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletic Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Deanna Skowronski
2022–2023 NSU Women's Swimming Team
HCA Florida Healthcare
Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)
Stage for Change
Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy Student
Government Association
So Yeon Sharon Lee, O.D.
Taylor O'Byrne
Ryan Ishmael, M.P.H.
Melissa Dore, Ed.D.
Barri Litt, Ph.D.
Gerard J. Wheeler
Douglas M. Mcintosh, J.D.
Khijani Williams

2023

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletic Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Jeremy P. Espeut
2021 NSU Men's Soccer Team
Lee Health
National Optometric Student Association
Freedom Sharks
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine Student
Government Association
Jose A. Rey, Pharm.D.
Jacquelyn Marquez
Kandee Griffith, M.S.
Rodrigue Colas, Ed.D.
Gina L. Peyton, Ed.D.
Ron Chenail, Ph.D.
Adam Scott Goldberg, J.D.
Ester Costa Lucas Ferreira

2022

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletic Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
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Carlos Manuel Perez, Ed.D.
Gina L. Peyton, Ed.D.
Ron Chenail, Ph.D.
Adam Scott Goldberg, J.D.
Emanuella Brito

PREVIOUS STUEY WINNERS

2021

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Dabalsa, B.S.
NSU Women's Swimming Team
Cleveland Clinic Florida
TBR Pediatrics Club
Black Student Union
Student Bar Association
Michelle Manley, Ph.D.
Stephanie Collado
Cavell Vassel
Adee Shekar, M.B.A.
Sumitra Mukherjee, Ph.D.
Beth Welmaker, M.S.
Wilford Miranda, B.S.
Abdrzrak Azlag

2020

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumna of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Joy Oni
NSU Women's Soccer
Zimmerman Advertising
CAHSS African Working Group
Freedom Sharks
College of Psychology SGA
Megan F. Chaney, Esq.
Jamie L. Rodriguez, M.S.
John Lasota
Stefanie Carter, Ed.D.
Bindu S. Mayi, Ph.D.
Daniel Alfonso, M.S.
Dorinda Segovia, Pharm.D.
Erdem Arslan

2019

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Bateh
NSU Men's Basketball Team
Henry Schein, Inc.
American Association of Women Dentists
Greenhouse Campus Ministries
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences SGA
Ann Maria Castejon, Ph.D.
Deanna Flournoy, SPT
Francisca Campbell
Emily F. Schmitt Lavin, Ph.D.
Roni Cohen Leiderman, Ph.D.
Hilary A. Creary, Esq.
Blanch Khouri Sader

2018

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

Uriah Jean-Baptiste, B.S.N.
NSU Women's Swimming Team
Brand Institute
KPCOM Pediatrics Club
Delta Phi Epsilon
Undergraduate Student Government Association
Genevieve Hale, Pharm.D.
Lisbet M. Montero Gonzels, B.A.
Catherine Ziegler
Jaime Tartar, Ph.D.
Kimberly Durham, Psy.D.
Robert F. Diaz, J.D.
Oriana Lopez

2017

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year

Saamia Shaikh
2016 NSU Baseball Team
Walgreens

PREVIOUS STUEY WINNERS

Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2016

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumna of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2015

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2014

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Regional Campus Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2013

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Sean P. Grimes Physician Assistant Student Society
Mako Rangers
College of Osteopathic Medicine SGA
Diane Ede-Nichols, D.M.D.
Brian Cardona
Stacy-Ann Payne, M.B.A.
Albert Williams, Ph.D.
Frederick Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.
Kal Evans, J.D.
Leydi D. Arboleda

Bridget Guerrero
2015 NSU Baseball Team
Goodman Jewish Family Services
Pediatric Dental Club
Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated
College of Dental Medicine SGA
Michelle Clark, Ph.D.
Jordan Powers
Mark Schuknecht, B.S.
Maria Lemme
Leanne Boucher, Ph.D.
Lydia M. Acosta, M.A.
Valerie Barnhart, J.D.
Paula Leora-Garzon

Sharon McIntyre
NSU Women's Rowing Team
McIntosh Sawran and Cartaya, P.A.
American Student Dental Association
Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board)
Shepard Broad Law Center Student Bar Association
Terrell Manyak, Ph.D.
Johny Williamceau, R.N.
Iris M. Reynolds
Jennifer D. Revezzo, M.S.
William Dorfman, Ph.D.
Kaye Robertson
Randall K. Williams, M.P.A.
Roma Nyandi Robinson

Carisa Champion-Lippmann
NSU Women's Rowing Team
John The Baker
Public Interest Law Society
Delta Phi Epsilon
College of Osteopathic Medicine Student
Government Association
Samantha Gauden, M.S.
Shaazia Chanda
Rita Ey
Mislady (Millie) Velez
Kevin Dvorak, Ph.D.
Stanley H. Wilson, Ed.D., PT
Ira Rosenberg
Tam Nguyen

Brooke Latta
NSU Baseball Team
Pizza Loft
NSU American Student Dental Association
Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board)
Undergraduate Student Government Association

PREVIOUS STUEY WINNERS

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
SEC Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2012

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Athletics Team of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
SEC Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2011

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
SEC Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumna of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2010

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
SEC Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumna of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2009

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year

Mark Dobson, J.D.
Kristin L. Ferguson
Suzanne O'Sullivan
M. Johneta Goodwin
Stephen N. Campbell, Ph.D.
Terry A. Morrow, Ph.D.
David Blyer
Claire Isabelle C. Verret

Justin Johnson
Women's Volleyball
Baptist Health South Florida
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc.
Delta Phi Epsilon
Student Bar Association
Brenda Diaz, M.S.
Walter Upshaw
Christine Nelson
Judith McKay, J.D., Ph.D.
Ana Fins, Ph.D.
Abby Brodie, D.M.D.
Scott Roberts, M.B.A.
Lesley Hagan

Anthony Campenni
Alex Gynes
Abbie Tepe
American Express
National Optometric Student Association
C.A.U.S.E.
Center for Psychological Studies
Charlene Smith, J.D.
Jacqueline Lecal
Denise Fournier
Dennis Dannacher, M.S.
David Boesler, D.O.
Carsten Evans, Ph.D.
Linda Lopez, Ed.D.
Joanna Dinan

Ryan Galka
Craig Heenighan
Abbie Tepe
ANF Group, Inc.
Ethnic Minority Association of Graduate Students (EMAGS)
Lambda Theta Alpha
Undergraduate Student Government Association
Sharon Siegel, D.D.S.
Edward Alvarez
Karen Gruenstrass
Michael Mominey
Lori B. Dribin, Ph.D.
Wren S. Newman, SLP.D.
Tamara D. Henson, M.B.A.
Hane Jade Rissman

Amanda Woodie
JD Martinez
Stephanie Sarosi
Re-Bro, Inc.
Graduate Business Student Association
ROTARACT
West Palm Beach SEC SGA

PREVIOUS STUEY WINNERS

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
SEC Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumna of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2008

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
SEC Student of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumna of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2007

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Student Government of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Extended Community Member of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Executive of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2006

NSU Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Athletics Team of the Year
Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Extended Community Member of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Academic Dean of the Year
Alumnus of the Year
Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

2005

Student of the Year—Overall
Male Athlete of the Year
Female Athlete of the Year
Corporate Partner of the Year
Graduate Organization of the Year
Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Greek Organization of the Year

Robert Hasty, D.O.
Bryan Vizcaino
Jo Eterno
Mark Seldine, Ed.D.
Sarah Valley-Gray, Psy.D.
Lisa Deziel-Evans, Ph.D.
Somy Ali
Philipp Kromer

Roger Alvarez
Tim Coenraad
Megankate McDonald
SUPERB
Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity
Kappa Sigma National Fraternity
Orlando SEC Student Government Association
Harvey Quinton, D.D.S.
Sharon Blake
Josephine Campbell
Lynne Cawley
Kimberly Reed, O.D.
Gay Holliday, Ed.D.
Eunice Baros, J.D.
Sumit Bajracharya

Dana Block
Eric Naples
Nicole Felluca
Moss Miller Joint Venture
APHA-ASP
Alpha Phi Omega
SOTA
Michael Richmond
Doug Carpenter
Jimmy Ricci
Alyssa Rothman
Nathan Azrin
Dolores Smiley
Ross Zafonte
Akshat Bhargavar

Shruti Salghur
Adam Ludden
Danielle Garcia
Rick Case Automotive
CPS-SGA
Delta Phi Epsilon
Women's Rowing
Gary Gershman
Cynthia Farmer
Tanya Gress
Patricia Jason
Mahmood Shivji
Anthony Silvagni
Joe Perez
Akshat Bhargava

Elizabeth Harbaugh
Mike Pellerito
Taylor Liput
Majic Children's Fund
Student Bar Association
Alpha Kappa Psi
Phi Sigma Sigma

PREVIOUS STUEY WINNERS

Cocurricular Advisor of the Year
Extended Community Member of the Year
Staff Person of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Professor of the Year
Academic Dean of the Year
Alumna of the Year
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Debra Nixon
Billy Waldrop
Ada Christie
Andrew Rogerson
Abby Brodie
Randolph Pohlman
Ann McElwain
Alyssa Persaud

Kathryn Blanco
Thomas J. Gillette
Jessica Pate
Children's Home Society
CPS Feminist Alliance for Networking and Support (FANS)
Best Buddies
Phi Sigma Sigma
Tim Dixon
Reyna Suarez
Sarah Bradford
Karen Grosby
Wallace March
Norma Goonen
Jeffrey Grove
Tina Lee

Joshia Osamba
Brandon Weiss
Lyndsey Metts
North Broward Hospital District
Ethnic Minority Association of Graduate Students (EMAGS)
Phi Alpha Delta
Delta Phi Epsilon
Debra Steinkohl
Marie Antoinette Barrett
Shirley Conover
Joseph Barimo
Steve Friedland
David Loshin
Paul Sallarulo
Rovin Narine

Justin Marcus
Ryan Morris
Candice S. Carreno
Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Hispanic Law Student Association
International Muslim Association (IMAN)
Delta Phi Epsilon
Charlotte Paolini
Cynthia Miller
Esther Weiner
Morton Terry
William J. Kelleher
Honggang Yang
Mary L. Mizell
Julieo Thompson

Fran Short
Marquise Kiffin
Jennifer Whitesel
Gerlinde Photo
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Indian Student Association
Beta Theta Pi

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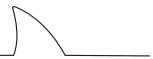
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Camille Bentley
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Chrissy Virzi
John Santulli
Josephine Shallo-Hoffmann
Joseph D. Harbaugh
Angela and Marty Hoffer

Jason Ciofalo
Brad Kaczynski
Tajuana Lee
UNICCO Service Company
Graduate Resident Student Association
N.A.T.U.R.E.
Delta Phi Epsilon
Terry Weech
Diana Gannott
Bronson Steve Bias
Anne Mulder
Nicole Natalie Robinson



Student of the Year by Academic Unit

2025

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Courtney Denise Wells, M.A.T.
 Deanna Henry, B.S.
 Camila Valladares
 David Escalante
 Lucas Galassi
 Emily Murphy, M.S.
 Stachyse Stanis
 Allie Heineman, B.S.
 Mikayla Dunn
 Lili Demerdjeva

Alexandra Hernández
 Joseph Primavera
 Amelia Kelly
 Javonna Lindsay
 Ivania Teran

2024

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Mitchell Garrabrant
 Olivia Hanna
 Izza Khan
 Deanna Skowronski
 Daniel Dibucchianico
 Jamal El Jilali
 Katlynn Kenon
 Hemangi Patel
 Caroline Campione
 Nikhila Paleati
 Madison Ring
 Michael Steckmest
 Hayden Liberty
 Kristy Ludy
 Lily Schreiber

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 Major Gray
 Jim Skaff
 Janelle Gardner, B.S.
 Catalina Uribe, M.S.
 Lexi Frankel
 Lauren Taylor, B.S.
 Sarah Repasky
 Alexandra Lugo

Olivia Singleton
 Daelan Mangiafico, B.S.
 Sunny Suaya
 Kelly Campbell, M.S.N.
 Summer Book

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 Joshua Bennett
 Sajan Parag
 Melanie M. Rodriguez
 Brittany Ferrell, M.S.
 Cathaerina Appadoo, B.S.
 Aneil Tawakalzada, M.S.
 Emilie Vos, B.H.Sc.
 Naziba Akther

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 Christina Elizabeth Maskley, B.S.

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Dylan Goldman
Michael Gomez
Arlette Gomez

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Myriam Glavash
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Joshua Berko
Sarah Williams, B.S.
Vijay Patel

Naziba Akther, B.S.
Natalie Ramirez Carvallo, B.S.B.A.
Henry Huowitz
Lauren Alexander
Camelia Craciun

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Regina Zambrano
Joy Oni
Michelle Bauer
Deepesh Tourani, M.S.
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Ronnie Shashoua
Chloe Hollands
Alexandra Litowsky

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Francesca Pietri
Amanda Bateh
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Oraib Toukhly, M.S.
Jackie Nguyen
Alixandria Fiore Pfeiffer
Kiera Linton
Samir Nacer
Ryan Bos
Natalie Ramirez Carvallo
Michael Gonzalez
Bianca Danielle Thomas
Bryan Siddique

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Michelle Thomas-Maison
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Everone Graham
Melissa Otero, O.D.
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Carolina Barbeito, M.S.

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Michael Jones, M.S.
Joshua Braverman
Matthew Woodstock
Sadia Khan
Samuel Blum
Uriah Jean-Baptiste, B.S.N.
Bethany J. M. Pandher

Erika Weiss
Samantha Epstein
Adam Saltz, M.P.H.
Jay Rietzke
Jeremy Outinen, B.A.
Farima Fakheri Raof
Lucas D. Driskell, M.S.
Kristi Ray
Jocelyn Wallace
Desiree Casanova
Cayla Dean, M.S.
Rajaa Amir, B.S.B.A.
Andrew Singer
Autumn Lundy, R.N.
Saamia Ali Shaikh, B.S.

Alexis Morales-Fresse
Kamila Albert
Melissa Carlton
Alex Verga
Nicholas Smith
Julie Woodworth, R.N.
Kelsey Moore, B.S.
Natalie Booth
Daniel Pearson
Alexandra M. Alfonso, M.S.
Nicole Cocuy
Lacey Malarky, M.S.
Bridget Guerrero
Katelyn Barclay
Yineth Sanchez, B.S.

Jacqueline Travisano, M.B.A.
Marissa Snell, M.S.
Aaron Goodwin, M.S.
Deanna Wozunk
Brandon Young
Jay Harrelson
Elyse Julian
Danielle Lerch
Natalie Negrón
Paul P. Dooley
Sharon McIntyre
Marie Ang
Elizabeth Larson
Lyn Roman
Valerie Weinbrum

Lindsey Goldstein
Danette Beitra
Htet Ei Bo, M.S.
Valerie Fiordilino
Tami Wilkes

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Ryan Beck
Carisa Champion-Lippmann
Kerry Anne Rambaran
Desiree Kennedy
May Bantan
Crystina Wylar, M.A.
Jamilla Abughali
Andia Chaves-Fonnegra, M.S.
Rahysa Vargas
Logan Peretz

Joaquin Hechavarria
Courtney Cantrell
Uyen Nguyen
Danielle Key
Christian F. Rodriguez
Morvarid Fallahzadeh
Elizabeth T. Ngoc Phung
Hoda Masmouei
Sasha Tamar Strelitz
Sergio Parra
Robert Keever
Anthony J. Campenni
Andrea Bernard
Brooke Latta
Gillian Newman

Isabel Medina
Stephanie Camejo
Justin Johnson
Tzafra Martin
Lorraine Romeo Marshall
Stephanie Frankel
Bryan Peterson
Genevieve Hale
Catalina Rodriguez
Katharine Hixson
Consuelo Doria Kelley
Jeremy Mathis
Travis Moore
Hanna Knight
Sydney Schneider

Michelle Krantz
Brandon Bergman
Lorrie Cordle
Justin Johnson
Wesdon McCann
Lindsay LaCorte
Vanessa Vera
Yineth Sanchez
Kevin Pacetti
Marvin Klein
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Vanessa Coe
Luke Katler

Jessica L. Mackelprang
Kayleigh Fessenden
Damian Black
Michelle Levin

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Jessica Hilst
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Judy Schmelzer
Jaime Puente
Sara Smith
Serena Mann
Lance Jordan
Ryan Galka
Matthew Seely

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Anna Fedak
Amanda Woodie
Travis Osterman
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Randy Denis
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Sarah Walker
Akshat Bhargava
Audie (Kirk) Kilfoyle
Tiffany Brown
Demi Marks

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Karen Regan
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Michelle Mayer
Erin Jenewein
Roger Alvarez
Andrea Fass
Kristina Christoph
Ashley Russom
Michelle Manley
Beatriz Vargas
Kevin Helmle
Jami Beasley
George Wayne

2007

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Robin Wilson
Michael Scherer
Takeia Locke
Dana Block
Stephen Berkowitz
Crystal Rego
Sharon Schumacher
Kevin Chartier
Terry Morrow
Sundar Thyagarajan
Patrick Quinn
Joanne Charles
Michaela Gaffley

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K. Bryant Smalley
Sarah Zidel
Kelly Maixner
Kasey Suckow
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Victoria Warren
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Michele Liscio
Shruti Salghur
Demian Chapman
Chris Everett
Gillian Mayersohn

Jessica Parker
Jessica Gordon
Kory Mchenry
Denise Burns-LeGros
Christopher Piromalli
Leigh Demarco
Elizabeth Harbaugh
Jennifer Bowman
Dedric Carter
Robert Hosea
Mary Delray
Jamie Monty
Toni Latino
Johnathan Grilli

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Shrinivas Rangarajan
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Aneesh Deshpande

Shamin Jaffer
Mara Sanchez
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Shalomi George
Deborah Larison
Robert Duarte
Amoy Reid
Krisn Ramcharitar
Joshia Osamba
Joseph Reyes
Paul Arena
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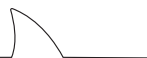
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Chad Powers
Justin Marcus

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Dorren J. Gooden
Brian K. Walker
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Melissa Singer

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Zarina Staller
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Naomi M. Massave



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ACT I: SCHOLARSHIP

- Student of the Year Nominees. NSU Academic Deans and
Students of the Year by Academic Unit
- Welcome. Gerard J. Wheeler
- Masters of Ceremonies Ari Allon, Jada Blake, Taylen Jones,
and Brianna Munoz

ACT II: COMMUNITY

- Graduate Organization of the Year Shanti Bruce, Ph.D., and
members of the Panhellenic Council
- Regional Campus Organization of the Year Daniel Alfonso, Ed.D., and
members of the NSU Sharkettes Dance Team
- Athletics Team of the Year. Frank Martinez and
members of the Hallyu Club and Dance Team
- Musical Performance

ACT III: STUDENT CENTERED

- Undergraduate Organization of the Year Jonathan Carter and
members of Shark Preview
- Student Government Association Student Government of the Year. Saul Sztam, Ed.D.,
and members of the Unified Greek Council

ACT IV: OPPORTUNITY

- Cocurricular Advisor of the Year. Matthew Chenworth and
members of the Inter-Organizational Council
- Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship Award . . . Sara Cardenas (mother of Juan Pablo
Correa), Niemah R. Butler, MSHRM; and Luisa Torres

ACT V: COMMITMENT

Administrator of the Year Katie Gittleman and
members of PANSGA

Regional Campus Student of the Year Joey Jankie and members of
Student Academy of Audiology

Staff Person of the Year Cortney Stein and members of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Musical Performance

ACT VI: INTEGRITY

Professor of the Year Ron Chenail, Ph.D., and
members of President's 64

Alumni of the Year Shu Zhen Bernardin and
members of NSU Psychology Club

Executive of the Year Ryan Romero and members of
the Student Alumni Association

Musical Performance

ACT VII: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

NSU Student of the Year—Overall Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd

Finale

2026 Nominees for NSU Graduate Organization of the Year



American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP)— Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP) chapter at Nova Southeastern University introduces medical students to the dynamic field of emergency medicine. During the 2025–2026 academic year, the organization provided learning opportunities through simulation labs, procedural skills workshops, and hands-on experiences. ACOEP offers early exposure to the fast-paced clinical environment while fostering mentorship by connecting students with experienced physicians and residents. It also serves as a bridge between medical education and future training by facilitating connections with residency programs across South Florida. Through its commitment to education, professional development, and engagement, ACOEP empowers students to build essential skills and confidence while preparing future emergency medicine physicians.



American Student Dental Association (ASDA)—College of Dental Medicine

The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) chapter at Nova Southeastern University fosters a supportive community within the College of Dental Medicine by providing resources and opportunities to help students navigate dental school. Over the past year, the chapter achieved key milestones, including hosting Fever Week for first-year students and enhancing its annual formal at the Frost Science Museum. ASDA raised \$10,000 through its March for Oral Cancer 5K and introduced weekend workshops for pre-dental students to gain hands-on exposure. The chapter strengthened professional development by hosting the American Dental Association President for ASDA Day and organized monthly community service initiatives and wellness programs to support student well-being and connection.



Criminal Law Society—Shepard Broad College of Law

The Criminal Law Society at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law is a student-focused organization dedicated to fostering growth, education, and community among students interested in criminal law. Through events, guest speakers, mentorship, and internship connections, the organization provides insight into prosecution and defense perspectives. Its mission is to help members build practical skills, expand networks, and explore careers in criminal law. Over the past year, the Society emphasized mentorship by connecting students with local practicing attorneys, providing meaningful guidance and real-world perspective. The Criminal Law Society remains committed to supporting students' professional development and preparing them to become future legal professionals.



Graduate Organization for Partnership and Learning with Adolescents and Youth (GO PLAY)—College of Psychology

The Graduate Organization for Partnership and Learning with Adolescents and Youth (GO PLAY) at Nova Southeastern University's College of Psychology promotes service-learning opportunities for students working with children and adolescents. The organization creates engaging experiences for youth, particularly those facing challenges, while supporting their families. Through partnerships with community agencies, GO PLAY expands access to programs that support youth development and well-being. It also provides students with hands-on learning and interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities, strengthening skills in community-based work. Through service initiatives, programming, fundraising, and research, GO PLAY increases awareness of youth challenges while preparing students to contribute meaningfully in their future professional roles.



Student Chapter of Doctors Without Borders—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

The Student Chapter of Doctors Without Borders is a student-led organization dedicated to advancing health equity through service, education, and advocacy. With more than 150 members, the chapter engages NSU MD students in mobile clinic outreach across South Florida, serving underserved communities. Students provide health screenings, patient education, and care coordination while gaining hands-on clinical experience. Through community partnerships and extensive volunteer efforts, the organization has developed a scalable service-learning model that integrates clinical training with meaningful impact. Its continued growth and measurable contributions reflect a strong commitment to leadership, excellence, and equitable healthcare.

2026 Nominees for Regional Campus Organization of the Year



American Pharmacists Association—NSU Puerto Rico

The American Pharmacists Association—Academy of Student Pharmacists (AphA-ASP) Puerto Rico Campus Chapter is a professional student organization representing PharmD students across all years of training. With a membership of 130 to 180 students annually, the chapter has built a strong and influential presence on campus. Guided by active leaders and engaged members, it provides opportunities for leadership development, patient counseling, advocacy, and research. Students have represented the chapter nationally through patient counseling competitions, research poster presentations, and participation in the AphA Summer Leadership Institute, including advocacy efforts for pharmacist provider status. This year, the chapter was recognized as a Top 5 finalist for the AphA PharmFlix Most Inspirational Video. Its members are known for their professionalism, creativity, and commitment, serving as role models within the College of Pharmacy.



Anesthesiologist Assistant Student Association—NSU Orlando

The Nova Southeastern University Anesthesiologist Assistant Student Association in Orlando represents students enrolled in the Master of Science in Anesthesia program. The organization supports academic achievement, professional growth, and connection among future anesthesia providers. The association serves as a liaison between students, faculty, and program leadership, advocating for student needs while encouraging collaboration across cohorts. It coordinates educational programs, mentorship opportunities, and outreach efforts that enhance both academic and professional development. Through its commitment to leadership, service, and professionalism, the organization helps prepare students for success within the Anesthesia Care Team model. Members are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to contribute meaningfully to the field and support the continued advancement of the anesthesiologist assistant profession.



Tom Lemley Student Society—NSU Jacksonville

The Tom Lemley Student Society is the Physician Assistant Student Board representing the NSU Jacksonville campus. TLSS has been representing the PA Program in Jacksonville, FL since the program's establishment in 2009. TLSS works alongside NSU Jacksonville Campus faculty to create meaningful events to bring both the PA program and AA program on this campus together and make a home away from main campus.

Student Nurses Association—NSU Fort Myers

The Student Nurses Association at NSU Fort Myers is a dedicated organization focused on community service and the professional development of future nurses. Comprised of motivated students, the association actively participates in outreach initiatives that support local communities and promote overall health and wellness. Through health education events, volunteer efforts, and donation drives, members work to address community needs and provide meaningful support. The organization regularly participates in food drives, school supply collections, and health screenings, demonstrating a strong commitment to service. By collaborating with local organizations and healthcare partners, the association creates opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience while making a positive impact. Through its efforts, the organization strengthens leadership and clinical skills while fostering a lasting commitment to service and community engagement.



Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)—NSU Tampa Bay

The Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) at NSU Tampa Bay is a student-led organization committed to fostering connection, leadership, and professional growth among Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) students. SOTA serves as a central hub for student engagement by organizing events that strengthen community, support wellness, and promote collaboration across programs. Signature initiatives include events such as the Winter Ball, service projects with other organizations, and creative social events that encourage peer connection. SOTA prioritizes inclusivity, advocacy, and active involvement, providing students with opportunities to develop leadership skills and contribute to the profession. Through its initiatives, SOTA enhances the student experience and builds a strong, supportive occupational therapy community.

2026 Nominees for NSU Athletics Team of the Year



2024–2025 NSU Men's Basketball Team

The NSU Men's Basketball team exemplifies excellence through elite performance, strong community engagement, and academic success. Their on-court achievements have energized the campus, drawing strong support from students, alumni, and the surrounding community while creating an inclusive and exciting game-day atmosphere. Beyond competition, the team is deeply committed to outreach, engaging with youth through camps and practices and serving as positive role models who emphasize discipline and opportunity. Their success reached a historic milestone with their second NCAA Division II National Championship in March 2025, elevating the university's profile and uniting the NSU community. With continued competitive success, academic achievement, and meaningful community involvement, the program reflects the true balance of athletics and student-centered excellence.



Sharkettes Dance Team

The NSU Sharkettes Dance Team is the official dance team of Nova Southeastern University and a central part of the university's spirit and tradition. More than performers, the Sharkettes serve as ambassadors, supporting student-athletes, engaging fans, and creating an energetic atmosphere at athletic events and campus programs. Through their presence, the team fosters connection by encouraging others, celebrating achievements, and representing NSU with pride and enthusiasm. Their performances bring excitement and unity to the campus community while reflecting a strong commitment to teamwork and excellence. With dedication, discipline, and a passion for dance, the Sharkettes play an important role in enhancing school spirit and student engagement. They continue to embody the energy, resilience, and pride that define the Nova Southeastern University community.



Women's Basketball Team

The NSU Women's Basketball team delivered an exceptional season defined by resilience, teamwork, and determination. Competing with a new roster and coaching staff, the Sharks embraced the challenge of building a strong team identity and quickly established themselves as a top competitor. Their efforts resulted in a historic 19–0 start, the best in program history, setting a new standard for success. Throughout the season, multiple student-athletes achieved individual milestones and broke longstanding program records. The team's commitment to growth and performance has created a strong foundation for continued success. Under the leadership of Head Coach Heather Macy, the Sharks have built lasting momentum and a culture centered on accountability, discipline, and excellence. Their achievements reflect both individual talent and the strength of a unified team working toward a common goal.



2025–2026 NSU Women's Soccer Team

The NSU Women's Soccer team demonstrated exceptional performance, resilience, and teamwork throughout the season. Competing at a high level, the team consistently showcased strong offensive and defensive strategies while representing the university with pride. Their dedication to excellence was evident both on and off the field, as they balanced rigorous training schedules with academic commitments. The team fostered a culture of accountability, leadership, and support, contributing to their continued success. Through their determination and sportsmanship, the Women's Soccer team not only achieved notable competitive milestones but also served as ambassadors of NSU Athletics, inspiring their peers and strengthening school spirit across campus.



NSU Women's Swimming Team

The NSU Women's Swimming team continues to stand among the top programs in NCAA Division II athletics. The Sharks recently earned their fourth consecutive NCAA Division II National Championship, demonstrating a sustained culture of excellence, resilience, and teamwork. The team represents student-athletes from across the country and around the world, balancing elite athletic performance with strong academic achievement and involvement within the campus community. Their success is built on daily commitment, discipline, and a shared drive to excel in and out of the pool. Through their accomplishments, the Sharks exemplify leadership, integrity, and perseverance. Their continued success reflects not only championship performances but also the strong bonds of accountability, camaraderie, and pride that define Nova Southeastern University Athletics.

2026 Nominees for NSU Undergraduate Organization of the Year



Fin Films—Student Affairs

Fin Films is a student organization at Nova Southeastern University dedicated to sharing a passion for film with students of all backgrounds and levels of experience. The club creates an inclusive space for members to explore cinema as both an art form and a platform for meaningful conversation. Through film screenings and discussions, Fin Films encourages thoughtful dialogue and collaboration, allowing students to engage with diverse perspectives and ideas. The organization highlights how film serves as a powerful intersection of storytelling, creativity, and culture. By fostering an environment centered on curiosity and connection, Fin Films brings students together through a shared appreciation for the impact of cinema. The club continues to inspire engagement, creativity, and conversation while enriching the overall student experience at NSU.



Green Sharks Sustainability Club—Student Affairs

Green Sharks is an NSU student organization dedicated to building a more environmentally friendly campus through community service, education, and collaboration. The organization organizes engaging initiatives, such as cleanup, environmental service events, and sustainability discussions, empowering students to take small actions that create a significant impact. Through on-campus awareness campaigns and partnerships with other organizations, Green Sharks strives to make sustainability practical, inclusive, and deeply rooted in the community. The organization is honored to be nominated for the Student Organization of the Year award and grateful for the opportunity to represent NSU students committed to governance, leadership, and sustainable action.



Inter-Organizational Council (IOC)—Student Affairs

The Inter-Organizational Council (IOC) at Nova Southeastern University promotes collaboration, leadership, and connection among registered student organizations. The council is dedicated to strengthening student engagement by providing organizations with resources, guidance, and opportunities for growth. IOC serves as a liaison between undergraduate, graduate, and regional organizations and campus offices, helping student leaders access the tools and support needed for success. Through advocacy and communication, the council works to enhance involvement and encourage collaboration across campus. By supporting organizational development and creating opportunities for partnership, IOC helps student organizations expand their impact and strengthen their presence within the university community. Its efforts contribute to a more connected and engaged campus environment where student organizations can thrive.



NSU Psychology Club—Student Affairs

The NSU Psychology Club is dedicated to supporting communication between students and faculty while fostering a strong community of future professionals. The organization works to enhance the student experience by creating opportunities for connection, engagement, and academic development. Through initiatives such as wellness activities, social events, and programs during finals week, the club promotes student well-being and strengthens peer relationships. Regular events provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and building lasting connections within the College of Psychology. The club also encourages academic growth by supporting research engagement and providing platforms for students to share their work and achievements. By creating opportunities for involvement and open communication, the NSU Psychology Club helps students stay connected, engaged, and prepared for their future careers.



Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board)—Student Affairs

The Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board) at Nova Southeastern University is a premier student-led programming organization dedicated to creating engaging and impactful campus experiences. Guided by a team of student leaders and a graduate assistant, the board plans and executes high-quality events that enhance student life and foster connection. Through signature programs such as Water Works and Winter Wonderland, S.E.A. Board brings students together in dynamic environments that encourage interaction, creativity, and shared experiences. These events provide opportunities for students to build friendships, reconnect with peers, and engage with the campus community. By delivering consistent, well-executed programming, S.E.A. Board plays a vital role in shaping memorable experiences and strengthening campus spirit. Its commitment to student engagement continues to enrich the Nova Southeastern University experience.

2026 Nominees for NSU Student Government of the Year



Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy Student Government Association

The Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy Student Government Association supports the professional growth and success of its students by enhancing the student experience through leadership, advocacy, and support for student organizations and initiatives. In collaboration with faculty, administration, and student leaders, the association creates opportunities that promote academic achievement, professional development, and engagement. It plays an important role in supporting events, programs, and resources that contribute to student success both inside and outside the classroom. By fostering a collaborative and supportive environment, the association empowers pharmacy students to develop as future professionals and leaders in the field.



College of Psychology Student Government Association

The College of Psychology Student Government Association at Nova Southeastern University strengthens communication between students and faculty while fostering a supportive and engaging academic environment. The organization enhances the student experience through initiatives that promote well-being, connection, and professional development, including wellness activities, finals-week resources, and events such as the annual formal. It also supports networking and collaboration through social events that help students build relationships with peers and faculty. In addition, the association promotes academic growth by encouraging research engagement and providing opportunities for students to share their work and achievements. Through advocacy and involvement, it supports student engagement and success.



Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Student Government Association

The Osteopathic Student Government Association at Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine represents and advocates for the medical student body. Composed of elected student leaders, the organization strengthens communication between students, faculty, and administration while enhancing the medical school experience. Throughout the academic year, it supports student organizations, allocates funding for professional development and programming, and promotes initiatives focused on student wellness, leadership, and academic success. The association fosters a supportive community and encourages student participation in leadership and service opportunities. Through these efforts, it supports the development of future physicians and enriches the educational environment.



Halmos College of Arts and Sciences Student Government Association

The Halmos College of Arts and Sciences Student Government Association at Nova Southeastern University enhances the graduate student experience by promoting connection, engagement, and professional growth. Recognizing the demands of graduate study, the organization creates opportunities for students to connect beyond the classroom through events and initiatives that support networking and collaboration with peers and faculty. Signature programs include the Graduate Research Symposium, Shutter Shark photo contest, networking events, and recreational activities that encourage community building and involvement. These initiatives provide opportunities for students to share their work, build relationships, and engage with the academic community while supporting personal and academic success.



Undergraduate Student Government Association

The Undergraduate Student Government Association at Nova Southeastern University serves as the official representative body for undergraduate students. The organization advocates for student needs, enhances campus life, and creates opportunities that support student success. USGA collaborates with university leadership, faculty, and campus departments to address concerns, support initiatives, and promote policies that benefit the undergraduate community. It also organizes campus events and encourages student involvement in university governance. By promoting leadership, service, and engagement, USGA empowers students to shape their educational environment. Through its commitment to collaboration and representation, the organization strengthens connections across the NSU community.

2026 Nominees for NSU Cocurricular Advisor of the Year



Tralayah Carey—Student Affairs

Tralayah Carey is a graduate student at Nova Southeastern University and proudly serves as advisor for the Student Events and Activities Board. Originally from The Bahamas, she is in the final semester of her Master of Science in College Student Affairs, focusing on student engagement, leadership development, and campus programming. Through her work with student leaders, she supports the development of innovative programs that strengthen connection, school spirit, and campus involvement. She is deeply committed to mentoring students and supporting their personal and professional growth. Tralayah plays a key role in bringing impactful campus events to life, creating meaningful experiences and fostering environments where students lead, collaborate, and contribute.



Maria Fimiani, Psy.D.—College of Psychology

Maria Fimiani, Psy.D., is an Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Training in the Department of Clinical and School Psychology at Nova Southeastern University's College of Psychology. She also serves as faculty advisor for the Health Psychology Student Association. In this role, she supports student learning through educational programming, community outreach, and mentorship of future clinical health psychologists. Dr. Fimiani brings extensive experience working with doctoral students across psychology, audiology, and dental programs at NSU. Her professional interests include consultation-liaison services, medical education, behavioral health psychology, integrated primary care, and cognitive behavioral therapy, reflecting her strong commitment to student development and academic success.



Renee Johnson—University Advancement

Renee Johnson is a higher education professional specializing in alumni engagement, marketing, and community relations. Originally from Kingston, Jamaica, she moved to the United States to pursue her education, earning bachelor's degrees from both Florida Atlantic University and Florida Gulf Coast University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration at Nova Southeastern University and is expected to graduate in May 2027. Throughout her career, she has gained experience across higher education, nonprofit organizations, and media, with roles in marketing, event management, and promotions. Her work reflects a commitment to building meaningful connections and supporting community engagement. Outside of work, she enjoys time with family, friends, and her French Bulldog, Rosie.



Devada Singh-Franco, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

Devada Singh-Franco, Pharm.D., RPh, CDCES, is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Nova Southeastern University's Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy. Her academic focus is pharmacotherapy, with research and clinical interests in endocrinology and gastroenterology. She contributes to core curriculum courses and serves on multiple institutional committees within the College. Dr. Singh-Franco has also served as faculty advisor to the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity for more than 12 years. Through her leadership and the dedication of student members, the Beta Lambda Chapter has raised more than \$30,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, provided community health screenings, and supported student development through scholarships, reflecting her strong commitment to education and mentorship.



Marilyn Uzdavines, J.D.—Shepard Broad College of Law

Marilyn L. Uzdavines, J.D., is a Full Professor at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law, where she has taught since 2012. She teaches courses in health law, including Health Policy and Bioethics, Disability Law, Health Care Organizations, and Health Care Compliance. As an affiliate faculty member at NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine, she co-developed an interprofessional course in legal and medical collaboration and contributes to research focused on health-related issues. Her scholarship, published in multiple law reviews, explores health care fraud, medical device regulation, and disability rights. She has twice been named Student Bar Association Professor of the Year.

2026 Nominees for NSU Administrator of the Year



Carmen Rodriguez—Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

Carmen Rodriguez is a marine biologist and environmental educator originally from Lima, Peru. Inspired by her passion for the ocean, she moved to the United States at 18 to attend Nova Southeastern University, where she gained experience in manatee health assessments, deep-sea coral research, and marine mammal studies. After graduating in 2011, Carmen dedicated her career to conservation and community education. She worked as a sea turtle surveyor with the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program and later led orchid propagation efforts at Florida Atlantic University's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, helping restore more than 14 native orchid species. Today, as Director of the Marine Environmental Education Center at the Carpenter House, she develops hands-on programs that inspire environmental stewardship, build scientific skills, and encourage students to connect with and protect the natural world.



Seth Mangasarian – Facilities Management

Seth Mangasarian is an experienced facilities and infrastructure professional with more than 30 years of leadership in engineering, operations, and facilities management. He currently serves as Physical Plant Director within the Office of Facilities Management at Nova Southeastern University, where he oversees campus infrastructure, maintenance operations, and critical building systems. Prior to his work in higher education, Seth completed a 21-year career in the United States Navy as a Civil Engineer Officer. During his service, he gained extensive experience in large-scale facilities, construction, and organizational leadership. His career reflects a strong commitment to operational excellence and the effective management of complex systems that support the university community. Seth is also a devoted husband to Misty Ann and a proud father of three children: Amanda, Madison, and Seth IV.



Sherrol Reynolds, O.D.—College of Optometry

Sherrol A. Reynolds, O.D., is a Professor of Optometry at Nova Southeastern University's College of Optometry and a graduate of both the University of Florida and NSU. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, Optometric Retina Society, and the National Academies of Practice, and previously served as President of the National Optometric Association. Dr. Reynolds is the Chief of the Eye Care Institute—Davie Primary Care Clinic and Director of the Retina Clinic. Under her leadership, the clinic has expanded patient access while enhancing clinical training opportunities for students. Her accomplishments have been recognized with numerous honors, including the National Optometric Association Optometrist of the Year Award, the American Optometric Association President's Award, and Vision Monday's Most Influential Women Award. Her leadership continues to advance patient care, education, and the profession of optometry.



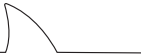
Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D.—NSU Health

Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D. is a Professor and Director of Interprofessional Integration at NSU Health who is deeply committed to student learning, development, and success. Her work focuses on creating meaningful educational experiences that help students collaborate effectively, build confidence, and prepare for real-world healthcare practice. Through her roles in interprofessional education and as the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative, Dr. Swann champions student leadership, well-being, and opportunities that support students both inside and outside the classroom.



Silvia Yepes—College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity

Silvia Yepes is the Director of Finance and Administration for Nova Southeastern University's College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity. Originally from Colombia, she began her career at NSU more than 26 years ago as an Administrative Assistant in the former School of Computer and Information Sciences. Over the years, she has grown professionally and personally, taking on increasing responsibilities and leadership within the university. Silvia is known for her dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment to supporting the college's mission and operations. Outside of her professional role, she enjoys music, traveling, gardening, and photography, finding joy in capturing meaningful moments and surrounding herself with nature. She especially treasures her role as "Nana" to her grandchildren, Leandro, Jericho, and Milliyana, who bring her happiness and inspiration each day.



2026 Nominees for NSU Regional Campus Student of the Year



Neslihan Caliskan, B.A.—NSU Tampa Bay

Neslihan Caliskan, B.A., is a graduate student in the College of Psychology at Nova Southeastern University, pursuing a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling. She earned her bachelor's degree with honors in psychology from the University of South Florida. Neslihan has experience volunteering as a crisis counselor and working with individuals experiencing substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions. Her professional interests include culturally responsive counseling, group interventions for bereavement and traumatic or suicide loss, mindfulness-based approaches, and the integration of artificial intelligence into counselor education. Guided by both her academic training and personal experiences, she is passionate about expanding access to compassionate and culturally informed mental health care. Neslihan is committed to supporting individuals and communities through thoughtful, evidence-based counseling practices.



Maria Cardona Patino—NSU Palm Beach

Maria Cardona Patino is originally from Colombia and came to the United States 11 years ago with determination and a strong desire to pursue new opportunities. Inspired by her family's sacrifices, she began her journey working in a supermarket while learning English and adapting to a new environment. From an early age, Maria developed a passion for caring for others, particularly older adults. She began her career as a nursing assistant, later became a registered nurse, and recently earned her credentials as a nurse practitioner after successfully passing her board exams. Today, Maria provides primary care to older adults, combining clinical expertise with compassion and dedication. Her journey reflects resilience, perseverance, and a deep commitment to serving others. She credits her faith and family for supporting her path and believes in the power of determination to achieve meaningful goals.



Torin Enevoldsen—NSU Orlando

Torin Enevoldsen is an anesthesiologist assistant student at Nova Southeastern University's Orlando Regional Campus. Originally from Virginia, he has also lived in Texas and brings a diverse background to his academic journey. He earned his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University, where he was a member of the Spirit Rider team, and is also a certified pharmacy technician. Torin is committed to developing the skills necessary to succeed in a healthcare environment focused on patient care, teamwork, and precision. His experiences have shaped his strong work ethic and dedication to his field. Outside of academics, he enjoys spending time with his family and caring for his horses, activities that have taught him responsibility, consistency, and discipline. Torin is grateful for the opportunity to pursue a career dedicated to compassionate and high-quality patient care.



Shira Isaak—NSU Fort Myers

Shira Isaak is a physician assistant student at Nova Southeastern University with a strong passion for healthcare, leadership, and community engagement. She is dedicated to developing the knowledge and skills necessary to provide compassionate, patient-centered care and to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. In addition to her academic pursuits, Shira enjoys traveling, exploring new cultures, and experiencing diverse cuisines. She is also passionate about cooking and maintaining an active lifestyle through fitness and wellness. Shira has a strong interest in event planning and organizing school activities, where she enjoys bringing people together and creating memorable experiences. Known for her enthusiasm, creativity, and strong work ethic, she strives to balance her professional goals with her personal interests while preparing for a fulfilling career in healthcare.

2026 Nominees for NSU Regional Campus Student of the Year (continued)



Roxana Riesgo—NSU Miami

Roxana Riesgo is a nursing student at Nova Southeastern University dedicated to compassionate healthcare, community engagement, and interdisciplinary practice. Alongside her academic studies, she works in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), supporting children with autism and developmental needs through evidence-based interventions. Her clinical training and professional experience have strengthened her commitment to patient-centered care, advocacy, and service. Roxana also completed a minor in Psychology at NSU, further expanding her understanding of human behavior and mental health. She is a member of Sigma Nursing, the international honor society of nursing, recognizing her academic achievement and dedication to the profession. Roxana’s combined background in nursing and psychology allows her to integrate healthcare and behavioral support when working with individuals and families. She remains committed to making a meaningful impact in her field.



Reilly Shortly—NSU Jacksonville

Reilly Shortly is a Physician Assistant student at Nova Southeastern University’s Jacksonville Regional Campus. Originally from Savannah, Georgia, she is actively involved in student leadership and campus engagement. Reilly serves as Director of Internal Affairs for the Tom Lemley Student Society and is a member of the campus Student Advisory Board. In these roles, she helps plan events, foster student engagement, and serve as a liaison between students and campus leadership. She is committed to contributing to a supportive and connected student community. Her experience at the Jacksonville Regional Campus has been both rewarding and impactful, shaped by strong collaboration with peers, faculty, and staff. Reilly values the opportunities to grow as a future healthcare professional while helping create a positive and engaging environment for fellow students.



Yoemmariel Serrano Natal—NSU Puerto Rico

Yoemmariel Serrano Natal is a Doctor of Pharmacy candidate at Nova Southeastern University’s Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy, Puerto Rico Regional Campus. She serves as President of the APhA-ASP Puerto Rico Chapter, leading initiatives focused on patient care, professional development, and community outreach. She also founded the first local chapter of Operation Infectious Diseases. An active member of the Rho Chi Honor Society, Yoemmariel is committed to academic excellence and leadership within the pharmacy profession. She works as a pharmacy intern, providing patient counseling, immunizations, and medication management under pharmacist supervision, and serves as a student assistant at the San Juan campus. She is also involved in research examining barriers to initiating buprenorphine treatment for opioid use disorder in emergency departments. Her professional interests include ambulatory care and infectious diseases.

2026 Nominees for NSU Staff Person of the Year



Marci Bulterman—Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

Marci Bulterman has served as Coordinator II in the Department of Biology at Nova Southeastern University since 2019. With a background in communications within the medical field, she brings strong organizational and interpersonal skills to her role while fostering a supportive environment for faculty, staff, and students. On her first day at NSU, Marci began managing the Clinic Exploration Program, which has grown from serving 180 students to more than 500 participants. The program now includes rotations through NSU Clinics and Cleveland Clinic Weston. She oversees program operations, manages Canvas, coordinates credentialing requirements, and collaborates with medical directors and hospital partners. Marci finds fulfillment in supporting students as they explore clinical pathways and career goals, reflecting her commitment to student success and academic growth.



Lisa Ferrara, Ed.D.—NSU Libraries

Lisa Ferrara, Ed.D., has been a member of NSU Libraries since 2017. She began her career as a Young Adult Librarian at the Alvin Sherman Library and currently serves as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at the Oceanographic Campus Library. In her role, Lisa supports the research needs of students, faculty, and researchers within the Departments of Marine and Environmental Sciences and Biological Sciences. She also serves as a liaison to STEM disciplines within the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences. Lisa holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Rutgers University and a Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University. Her professional interests include research instruction, scholarly communication, scientific writing, and expanding access to library resources. Through her work, Lisa is dedicated to supporting academic success and advancing research across the NSU community.



Lourdes Laboy, M.S.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

Lourdes C. Laboy-Pérez, M.S., has served at Nova Southeastern University's Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy in Puerto Rico since 2004 and currently holds the role of Academic Program Coordinator II. She is dedicated to providing student-centered support, assisting students with both academic and personal concerns. Students regularly seek her guidance, and she remains committed to offering encouragement, mentorship, and practical support. She works closely with Pharmacon groups to strengthen presentation skills, monitors academic progress, and connects students with tutoring and additional resources when needed. Lourdes takes pride in helping students navigate challenges and achieve their goals. She values NSU's commitment to student success and finds the greatest fulfillment in celebrating students' accomplishments as they progress through the program and reach graduation.



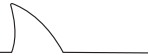
Briana Torres-Boone—Academic Affairs

Briana Torres-Boone is a Miami native and higher education professional with nearly a decade of experience supporting students. They hold a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Florida International University and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership: Higher Education from Liberty University. Briana is completing a Master of Arts in Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media at Nova Southeastern University and will begin pursuing a Ph.D. at NSU in August 2026. Their academic interests include college composition, video game studies, and student success. Their interdisciplinary background informs a student-centered approach to advising, teaching, and scholarship. Briana is committed to creating environments where students feel supported, engaged, and empowered to succeed. Through their work, they continue to contribute to student development and academic growth within the NSU community.



Latesha Ware—College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity

Latesha Ware is a Graduate Academic Advisor at Nova Southeastern University's College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity, bringing nine years of advising experience. She holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in biological sciences, which have strengthened her analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Latesha provides individualized academic guidance, helping students make informed decisions and successfully navigate their academic paths. She supports student success initiatives, contributes to advising processes, and teaches a section of the First-Year Experience course for incoming students. Her ability to communicate complex information clearly enhances her effectiveness in supporting diverse student needs. Outside of her professional role, Latesha enjoys discovering new shows, exploring music, and planning travel experiences. She remains committed to fostering student success and academic achievement within the NSU community.



2026 Nominees for NSU Professor of the Year



Gregory Fecho, O.D.—College of Optometry

Gregory M. Fecho, O.D. earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in 2001 and completed a residency in Primary Care with an emphasis in pediatrics and binocular vision. He has remained at NSU as a full-time faculty member and currently serves as Associate Professor and Chair of Optometric Sciences. Dr. Fecho directs and teaches several key courses and laboratories, including Anomalies of Binocular Vision I, Optometric Theory and Methods I, and the Optometry Simulation Laboratory. He is deeply passionate about teaching and is dedicated to preparing future optometrists for clinical success. He finds great fulfillment in mentoring students and celebrating their achievements. Dr. Fecho considers it a privilege to contribute to Nova Southeastern University's academic community while helping shape the next generation of optometric professionals.



Jon Garon—Shepard Broad College of Law

Jon M. Garon is Associate Dean for Technology and Innovation, Director of the Goodwin Program for Society, Technology, and the Law, and Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University. He is a nationally recognized authority on technology law and intellectual property, with expertise in copyright, First Amendment, entertainment, and information privacy law. A Minnesota native, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and his juris doctor from Columbia University School of Law. He has authored more than 100 academic publications, including articles, books, and book chapters. Dean Garon leads initiatives related to artificial intelligence, legal technology, cybersecurity, privacy, and digital assets. He teaches courses including Constitutional Law, Contracts, Privacy Law, Entertainment Law, and Intellectual Property Law, contributing to the advancement of legal education and innovation.



Elda Kanzki-Veloso, Ph.D.—College of Psychology

Elda Kanzki-Veloso, Ph.D. is a Professor in the College of Psychology at Nova Southeastern University and Director of the Practicum and Internship Program for the master's in counseling. She holds a Ph.D. in Counseling with a focus on Family Therapy, an M.S. in Counseling with a specialization in Special Education, and a B.S. in Psychology. Her research focuses on adolescent substance use, veteran populations, evidence-based interventions, and the use of technology in education. She has collaborated on suicide prevention initiatives for adolescents and youth transitioning out of foster care and has participated in grant-supported projects with campus partners. Dr. Kanzki-Veloso is also working with healthcare professionals to develop tools addressing stress and burnout. She is dedicated to teaching, mentorship, and service while supporting the development of future counseling professionals.



Maria Chamorro, O.T.D.—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

Maria Chamorro, O.T.D. has been an occupational therapist since 2003, with experience in acute care, geriatrics, and neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation. She brings a strong clinical background and a commitment to patient-centered care. Originally from the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, she was raised in Utah, where she later earned her Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree. Dr. Chamorro is passionate about service and regularly participates in mission-based initiatives both within the United States and internationally. Outside of her professional work, she enjoys spending time with her three children, as well as playing the violin, painting, crafting, and exploring nature. Her dedication to service, family, and holistic care continues to shape her contributions to the healthcare field and student learning.



Alexandra Perez, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

Alexandra Perez, Pharm.D., M.S., is an Associate Professor in the Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy at Nova Southeastern University and a leader in outcomes research and teaching innovation. She developed and leads the Evidence-Based Practice IV: Introduction to Data Analytics course, where student pharmacists learn to conduct medication-use studies using real-world data and translate findings into clinical and policy applications. Her work has been published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education and has received national recognition, including the 2025 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Innovation in Teaching Award. Dr. Perez's student-centered approach reaches more than 230 PharmD students annually. She actively mentors students in research, resulting in numerous presentations and publications at national and international conferences.

2026 Nominees for NSU Alumni of the Year

**Lori Eikleberry, Ph.D.—College of Psychology**

Lori Eikleberry, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist, professor, researcher, and founder of multiple mental health clinics serving South Florida. A proud three-time graduate of Nova Southeastern University (B.S., M.S., Ph.D.), she has remained actively engaged with NSU for over two decades as a faculty member, supervisor, and mentor, shaping the next generation of psychologists. Dr. Eikleberry is board-certified in both Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology and Addiction Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology—an honor held by a small percentage of psychologists nationwide. As a founding member of the American Board of Addiction Psychology, she has played a key role in advancing unified, high-level training standards in the field. She is also dedicated to community impact through her leadership and philanthropic work with United Way's Tocqueville Society.

**Wendy Garrido—Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice**

Wendy Garrido, originally from Cuba, has built her academic journey on perseverance, growth, and a commitment to continuous improvement. She began her studies at Miami Dade College before transferring to Nova Southeastern University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. As a non-native English speaker, she faced significant challenges and initially struggled academically but remained determined to succeed. After graduation, Wendy experienced an unexpected setback when her acceptance into a graduate program was rescinded just days before it began. She was later granted a second opportunity on a trial basis and ultimately graduated with highest honors. She is currently pursuing a second master's degree focused on supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and autism, driven by her passion to create a meaningful impact in her community.

**Maria C. Gonzalez, Esq.—Shepard Broad College of Law**

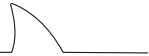
Maria C. Gonzalez, Esq., earned her Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law in 1990, where she was a Goodwin Scholarship recipient. She is Board Certified in Marital and Family Law by The Florida Bar and has maintained this distinction since 1997. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and currently serves as Secretary of the Florida Chapter. Maria has held numerous leadership roles, including past Chair and current Trustee of The Florida Bar's Family Law Section and past President of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Her distinguished career has been recognized with multiple honors, including the 2023 Visionary Award and President's Award for Excellence. In 2025, she was named among the Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyers.

**Primrose Monfries—Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing**

Primrose Monfries, an experienced registered nurse for more than thirty years, worked with Jackson Health System for over twenty-two years. She graduated with her B.S.N. and M.S.N. from Nova Southeastern University (NSU) and has served as a Clinical Adjunct Nursing Faculty member since 2012. She is currently the President of the Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida, Inc. In this role, she has conducted several humanitarian mission trips to Jamaica, providing supplies including hospital beds, stretchers, school supplies, feminine hygiene products, and services in underserved communities. She has also been instrumental in assisting approximately fifteen NSU students in obtaining scholarships to continue their education. Education has been her passion; hence, she continues to educate the next generation of nurses, going back to her prior profession as a teacher.

**Blanca Rivera, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy**

Blanca Rivera, Pharm.D. is a pharmacy leader with extensive experience in healthcare administration, education, and community service. Since graduating from Nova Southeastern University's College of Pharmacy in 1990, she has earned a Doctor of Pharmacy, a master's in pharmacoeconomics, and an M.B.A. Throughout her career, Dr. Rivera oversaw pharmacy services for multiple institutions and served nearly 24 years as Associate Vice President of Pharmacy Services at UHealth. In this role, she led systemwide pharmacy operations, directed academic coursework, and served as a Clinical Affiliate Professor for several pharmacy programs. She also founded and directed the PGY1 Residency Program at UHealth. Dr. Rivera currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Larkin University and remains committed to supporting healthcare initiatives for underserved communities.



2026 Nominees for NSU Executive of the Year



Olympia Duhart, J.D.—Shepard Broad College of Law

Olympia R. Duhart is Dean and Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law. She previously served as Interim Dean, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, Associate Dean of Faculty Development, and Director of the nationally ranked Legal Research and Writing program. Dean Duhart teaches Legal Research and Writing, Constitutional Law, the First Amendment, and specialized seminars. She has also taught internationally at the Universitat de Barcelona and at UC Irvine School of Law. Before joining NSU, she practiced as a litigation associate at Ruden McClosky, volunteered with the Florida Innocence Project, worked as a reporter at The Miami Herald, and served as an English teacher at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. She is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a respected leader in legal education.



Kenneth Johnson, D.O.—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

Kenneth Johnson, D.O. earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University. He currently serves as Executive Associate Dean and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Public Health at the NSU Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, Tampa Bay Campus. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbus Medical Center, affiliated with Northwestern University Medical School, and is board certified with fellowships in both osteopathic and obstetric and gynecologic professional organizations. Dr. Johnson is a former Captain in the United States Air Force and has contributed to statewide initiatives on maternal health and diabetes. His research includes clinical trials focused on women's health, including hormone therapy, contraception, and fetal alcohol syndrome prevention. In 2021, he was recognized as Professor of the Year at NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Elizabeth Shepherd, Pharm.D.—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

Elizabeth Shepherd, Pharm.D. has served Nova Southeastern University's Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy for more than 30 years and currently holds the role of Assistant Dean for Strategic Partnerships and Program Development. She has successfully secured more than one million dollars in scholarships and program development funding, significantly enhancing student opportunities. Dr. Shepherd has also led travel study programs and medical mission experiences, taking students to countries including Slovakia, Italy, Spain, China, and Japan. She played a key role in developing the college's academic concentrations and is dedicated to helping students gain a competitive edge in their careers. Her long-standing commitment to student success and global engagement reflects her passion for advancing pharmacy education and supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals.



Stacy Pena-Villalobos, Ed.D.—Financial Aid and Academic Records

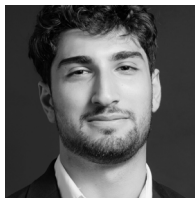
Stacy Pena-Villalobos, Ed.D. is Vice President of Financial Aid and Academic Records at Nova Southeastern University and a seasoned higher education leader with more than 30 years of service. She holds a doctorate in organizational leadership and is recognized for her expertise in Title IV regulations, strategic planning, and operational leadership. She oversees financial aid, registrar, bursar operations, enrollment processing, and academic records, leading a team of more than 140 employees while ensuring compliance and efficiency. Dr. Pena-Villalobos has led major institutional initiatives, including federal lending transitions, debt management programs, and the implementation of federal relief funding. A three-time NSU graduate, she remains deeply committed to student success and institutional excellence while continuing to make a lasting impact across the university community.



Chad A. Perlyn, M.D.—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

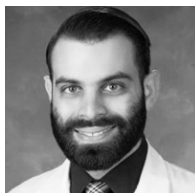
Chad A. Perlyn, M.D. is a nationally recognized pediatric plastic surgeon and healthcare leader with extensive experience in clinical practice, academic medicine, and executive leadership. Prior to joining Nova Southeastern University, he served in key leadership roles at Nicklaus Children's Health System, including Senior Vice President of Surgical Services, Community Health, and Corporate Responsibility. At NSU, Dr. Perlyn leads a forward-thinking vision for medical education and healthcare delivery, focusing on integrating NSU Health with the university's academic mission. His work supports the development of innovative, patient-centered training environments for future healthcare professionals. Through his leadership, NSU continues to expand its role as a hub for healthcare innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and community impact throughout South Florida and beyond.

2026 Nominees for NSU Student of the Year—Overall



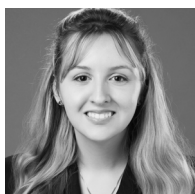
Arman Gasparyan—College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity

Arman Gasparyan is a senior at Nova Southeastern University, double majoring in Computer Science and Mathematics. Originally from Armenia, he came to the United States as an international student with a strong determination to succeed and make a meaningful impact. He graduated as valedictorian of Florida Preparatory Academy's Class of 2022 and carried that same level of dedication into his academic journey at NSU. During his time at NSU, Arman has been actively engaged both inside and outside the classroom. From leading Shark Preview as a freshman to serving as a Student Engagement Coordinator, he has helped coordinate Commencement ceremonies, New Student Orientations, and Shark Preview events. Through these experiences, he has contributed to creating a supportive and engaging environment for fellow students. He plans to pursue a career in software engineering.



Jonathan Iglesias—Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy

Jonathan Iglesias is a third-year student at Nova Southeastern University's Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy, where he is pursuing his Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, expected in 2027. He is committed to advancing his career as a pharmacist while actively contributing to the profession through leadership and advocacy. Jonathan holds several leadership roles, including Policy Vice President of the American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), Legislative Chair for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), and Legislative Advocacy Chair for the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). He also serves as President of the Legislative Task Force and President of the Student Government Association. In addition, Jonathan is a delegate for the Florida Pharmacy Association and is actively involved in local pharmacy associations across South Florida, including Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.



Alexandra Lens—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

Alexandra Lens is a fourth-year medical student at Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine. Born and raised in South Florida, she is of Cuban descent and fluent in both English and Spanish. She graduated as her high school's valedictorian and was selected for NSU's Dual Admission 3+4 D.O. program, earning her bachelor's degree in biology with honors from NSU in 2022. Over the past seven years, Alexandra has been actively involved in campus life as a student leader, performer, and mentor. She has represented NSU as a member of President's 64, serving as a student ambassador for President Moon. Beyond her academic pursuits, Alexandra enjoys painting, playing classical piano, and creative writing. She plans to specialize in internal medicine and establish her career in South Florida.



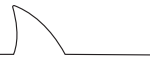
Oswaldo Luciano—Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

Oswaldo Luciano is a Ph.D. nursing student, a Family Nurse Practitioner, and a certified school nurse with a background spanning clinical care, nursing education, and school-based health. He began his career supervising school-based health centers, which inspired a transition into nursing to provide direct patient care. He currently works as a school nurse in NYC and per diem in nursing education at Mount Sinai Health System. He serves as Co-President of the Independent School Nurses Association of NYC. He is passionate about advancing school health, interdisciplinary collaboration, and expanding the role of nurse practitioners in pediatric and adolescent care.



Paige Meisner, M.S.—College of Psychology

Paige Meisner is a fourth-year doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at Nova Southeastern University. A first-generation student from North Georgia, she began her academic journey at the University of Washington before pursuing her doctorate at NSU. Her clinical and research work focuses on trauma, substance use, and serious mental illness. At NSU, Paige serves as President of the Addiction Awareness Association and as Clinic Coordinator at the Psychological Services for the Emotionally Distressed clinic, where she supports trainees and helps expand access to mental health services. She also leads a qualitative research project examining perspectives on harm reduction among opioid users and psychology trainees.** Outside** of academia, Paige enjoys music and community and has attended the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival annually for the past 14 years with her husband.



2026 Nominees for NSU Student of the Year—Overall (continued)



Manuel Miguel—College of Dental Medicine

Manuel Miguel is a fourth-year dental student at Nova Southeastern University's College of Dental Medicine and will graduate with his Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree in May 2026. Born in Cuba, he brings a strong commitment to service, resilience, and community impact to his journey in dentistry. At NSU, Manuel serves on the College of Dental Medicine Curriculum Committee and is a participant in the Honors in Prosthodontics program. He has volunteered with initiatives such as Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinics and the Give Kids A Smile program, providing dental care to underserved communities and children in need. Manuel is also a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. He is dedicated to delivering compassionate, patient-centered care and aspires to continue serving communities while making a meaningful impact in the field of dentistry.



Amber Paquette, B.S.—Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

Amber R. Paquette is a graduate student at Nova Southeastern University studying National Security Affairs and International Relations within the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies from NSU, with minors in History and Business (Class of 2024). A member of NSU's President's 64, Amber serves as a student ambassador and facilitates the Life-Long Learning Institute's Great Decisions Program. She recently completed an internship in research and intelligence at a global maritime security firm. Amber has led and supported numerous campus initiatives, including moderating NSU's Military Flag Officer Panel during Fleet Week Fort Lauderdale 2025. She also contributes to a collaborative, technology-driven national security initiative that expands research and professional opportunities for her peers while remaining actively engaged in the South Florida community.



Aman Patel—Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

Aman Patel is a fourth-year medical student at NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine (NSU KPCOM) and a participant in the U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). Originally from the Tampa Bay Area, Aman has demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership, service, and innovation in medicine, previously serving as class president and student body president over the years. He is pursuing a career in emergency medicine and is passionate about delivering equitable, high-quality care in fast-paced clinical environments. Beyond medicine, Aman enjoys exploring the intersection of healthcare, entrepreneurship, and travel, including helping fellow medical students maximize financial benefits and credit card rewards. Through leadership, mentorship, and service, he strives to make a meaningful impact on both patients and the broader medical community.



Jayme Podgorowicz—College of Optometry

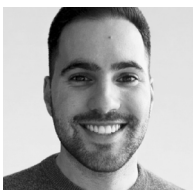
Jayme Podgorowicz is a third-year student in Nova Southeastern University's College of Optometry and a member of the Honors Program. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Miami and her Bachelor of Science in Vision Science from NSU. At NSU, Jayme is highly engaged in student leadership. She serves as Secretary for both the College of Optometry Student Government Association and the Class of 2027, and is an NSUCO Student Ambassador. She also holds leadership roles as President of the Optometrists in Vision Development and Rehabilitation Association, Vice President of the Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society, and a board member of Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society. Jayme has participated in interprofessional and exchange programs and serves as a student research assistant. She is honored to be recognized as the College of Optometry's Student of the Year.

2026 Nominees for NSU Student of the Year—Overall (continued)



Rakeem Richards—H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Rakeem Richards is a senior at Nova Southeastern University majoring in Finance. He is passionate about leadership, community building, and creating meaningful student experiences. Rakeem serves as a Lead Resident Assistant, where he mentors fellow resident assistants and fosters an engaging and supportive environment for residents. He is also a member of President's 64, representing the university while supporting initiatives that strengthen leadership and campus connection. In addition, he is actively involved with Seaboard, helping promote school spirit and campus traditions. Known for his drive, creativity, and positive energy, Rakeem enjoys bringing people together and making a lasting impact on those around him. Following graduation, he aspires to pursue a career in finance while continuing to lead, innovate, and inspire within his professional and community endeavors.



Illansy Ruiz—Shepard Broad College of Law

Illansy Ruiz is a law student at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law. Born in Cuba and raised in South Florida, he is a Goodwin Scholar, fluent in three languages, and dedicated to expanding access to legal services. During law school, Illansy completed twelve internships across state and federal courts, multiple law firms, the Federal Public Defender's Office, and one of the nation's largest immigration firms. He also served as a teaching and research assistant, contributing to faculty research on fair housing laws and discrimination that was later published. In addition, Illansy has completed more than 680 hours of pro bono service, supporting communities throughout South Florida. His academic and professional experiences reflect a strong commitment to service and advocacy. He plans to pursue a specialized law degree in tax following graduation.



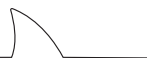
Matthew Struble—Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice

Matthew Struble is a senior at Nova Southeastern University majoring in Education and graduating in May 2026. He is a member of President's 64, the university's premier student ambassador and leadership organization. Matthew is passionate about leadership, service, and supporting student success. He currently works as a Program Coordinator at HandsOn South Florida, where he connects volunteers with meaningful service opportunities throughout the community. At NSU, Matthew has demonstrated strong leadership through his involvement in student organizations. He has served as President of the Pre-Professional Committee and Vice President of the National Society of Leadership and Success, contributing to initiatives that support student development and engagement. Following graduation, Matthew plans to pursue a career in student affairs and higher education leadership, where he hopes to continue making a positive impact on students and campus communities.



Aidan Wealcatch—NSU University School

Aidan Wealcatch is the Student Government President for the Class of 2026 at NSU University School. He also served as Student Government President during his junior year. Aidan organized the class fundraiser and worked with administration, delegating tasks, leading with fairness, accountability, compromise**, and** collaboration. Aidan is the President of the Sports 4 U Club, one of NSU University School's largest clubs, bringing the school community together through weekly co-ed sports tournaments and giving back to the local community. Aidan was selected as a Medical Fellow for the NSU KPCOM Medical Fellowship, a highly selective program, where he shadowed doctors and learned hands-on skills. Aidan has played on the NSU University School Varsity Lacrosse Team for five years, serving as captain for two years.



Special Thanks

For nearly three decades, the Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYs) have stood as a celebration of the individuals and partnerships that shape the Nova Southeastern University experience. This tradition continues to thrive because of the collective dedication, collaboration, and pride of our NSU community.

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who played a role in bringing this year's STUEYs to life. From the many individuals working behind the scenes to those who contributed their time, creativity, and leadership, your efforts have made this celebration both meaningful and memorable.

We are especially grateful to our planning committees for their commitment and attention to detail, as well as to Dr. Harry K. Moon, NSU President and CEO, and the executive leadership team for their continued support and guidance.

It is because of each of you that the STUEYs remain a vibrant and cherished part of our university community. Thank you for helping us honor excellence and celebrate the impact of those who make NSU truly exceptional. We look forward to continuing this tradition together in the years ahead.

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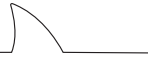
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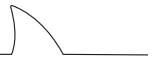
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