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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024



**NSU** Florida

# Looking Back at Our Accomplishments

## Advancing Vision 2025

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has charted a course with Vision 2025 and made progress toward fulfilling those goals in fiscal year 2024. As one example of that progress, NSU welcomed its largest-ever incoming freshman class of 2,029 students in fall 2023.

The momentum of Vision 2025 is buoying NSU ever higher. The university is on track toward national recognition as a preeminent, doctoral-research university dedicated to preparing students for leadership, from professional and doctoral candidates restoring our oceans' health to undergraduates already innovating with game-changing business ideas.

This year, NSU is approaching a major milestone in its history, one that speaks volumes about the university's collective dedication and commitment to research at the highest level. The threshold for achieving the coveted research Carnegie Classification R1 status is within reach. Achieving this goal will open new opportunities for collaboration and funding for faculty and students of all levels and across all disciplines. This pivotal moment will mark the culmination of decades of building a research university.



Florida's largest private  
research university



**150+**  
academic  
degree programs



**216,000+**  
alumni worldwide



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As I reflect on my career and legacy, I'm proud that NSU is recognized as a leading professional-dominant research university, offering students a competitive edge in their careers while producing alumni who serve and lead with integrity. Fins up!”



—George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., *President and CEO*



# Innovating in Physician Education

## Leading the Future of Healthcare Pedagogy

Medicine is central to our DNA. NSU is the largest educator of physicians in Florida. With the support of distinguished faculty practitioners and medical researchers, we give aspiring physicians the tools to treat, cure, and lead.

- NSU's M.D. and D.O. programs graduated more than 400 new physicians in fiscal 2024, meeting a critical need in the healthcare industry.
- NSU is at the forefront of educating future physicians, starting as early as the high school level. The Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine runs two medical immersion camps where high-achieving high school students participate in interactive scenarios with NSU faculty, medical students, and simulated patients.



**1 of 4**  
universities in the  
U.S. with both M.D. and  
D.O. colleges



**2,867**  
health professions degrees  
awarded out of a total of  
5,927 degrees (FY24)



### NSU's Healthcare Colleges

- Dental Medicine
- Health Care Sciences  
Medicine (D.O. and M.D.)
- Nursing
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Psychology

# Taking Care of Our Community

## NSU Health is Dedicated to Serving Patients

People with some of the most challenging conditions, from cancer to long COVID, turn to NSU Health. With leading-edge applications of technology in healthcare and pioneering clinical trials, NSU fosters the hopes of patients and generous donors.

- With a gift, NSU founded the David and Cathy Husman Endowed Chair for Neuroscience and welcomed Eduardo Locatelli, M.D., as medical director of the David and Cathy Husman Neuroscience Institute. Locatelli brings deep research experience related to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease) and will provide critical leadership as NSU expands efforts to research transformational treatments for ALS.
- The university received funds from the state of Florida to support NSU Health Veterans Care, which provides dental, vision, hearing, and mental health care to military veterans and their families at little or no cost to them.



### NSU's Health Services

Dental Care • Eye Care • Hearing, Speech, and Language Services • Medical Care • Pharmacy • Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Sports Rehabilitation • Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy



**6**  
research  
centers and institutes  
reducing the  
burden of disease





# National Champions Once Again

## NSU Sharks Score Multiple NCAA Division II National Championships

NSU Sharks dominate in and out of the classroom. The university's athletes are blazing winning trails in Division II athletics.

- Women's Tennis earned its first national championship in program history.
- Women's Swimming won its second consecutive national championship, and team members won seven individual national championships.
- Celina Marquez, a former NCAA Division II national champion swimmer and a key member of the NSU Sharks' first-ever national championship win, proudly represented El Salvador as the flag bearer at the 2024 Paris Olympics. She competed in the 100-meter backstroke during the Olympic Games.



**17**  
NCAA  
Division II sports



**13**  
NCAA Division II  
national championships



**47**  
individual  
national champions



# Protecting Our Marine Ecosystems

## NSU Leads with Ocean Sustainability

South Florida is an epicenter of ocean tourism and the blue economy—and that places NSU at the forefront of research to protect our ever-changing seas. The university's dedicated scientists and collaborative partners are conserving marine life, restoring our oceans' health, and preserving our world-renowned coastline for the future.

- The Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center led the DEEPEND program, a consortium of universities that created a framework for biodiversity protection in U.S. waters.
- NSU researchers, in coordination with the Save Our Seas Foundation, tracked an adult female silky shark for more than 17,000 miles during a two-year journey. Tracking the shark's migratory pattern will help researchers better understand how to combat the declining population of certain species.
- NSU researchers are boosting the survival rate of newly transplanted coral from less than 40 percent to more than 90 percent. This groundbreaking work is made possible by the Coral Fort, an innovative, biodegradable cage built, in part, with drinking straws—a predator-proof material designed at the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center.



**5**  
research centers  
and institutes  
saving the seas



**17**  
shark species tagged  
by NSU researchers



**30+**  
years of saving sea turtles with  
the Broward County Sea Turtle  
Conservation Program

# Research That Matters

## Making Our World Better

Pioneering research matters most when it affects people and communities. NSU is having an impact on little-known areas of biology, psychology, computer science, and other fields—all with the goal of healing, securing, and improving the world.

- The NSU Cell Therapy Institute is researching how bacteria communicate with each other in a wound. If this communication can be disrupted, it could lead to new ways to heal infections.
- Research is underway to determine whether lifestyle factors, such as diet, are influencing neurological disorders (for example: addiction, mood disorders, and dementia).
- A researcher in the College of Psychology has created a tool kit to train Florida educators in youth risk assessment and suicide prevention.
- A College of Computing and Engineering researcher is investigating how to reduce cybersecurity weaknesses by addressing human factors, such as susceptibility to phishing scams.



**1,711**

doctoral degrees  
awarded in FY24



**250+**

sponsored research  
projects at NSU



**1 of 59**

universities nationwide  
recognized by the Carnegie  
Foundation for both High  
Research Activity and  
Community Engagement





JERRY TAYLOR AND NANCY BRYANT TRADING FLOOR

## Supporting NSU Students Improved Facilities and Experiences

Our students are at the center of all we do. That's why we're investing in world-class facilities for our students to explore and experience more and innovate further.

- In spring 2024, the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship opened the Jerry Bryant and Nancy Taylor Trading Floor, an advanced educational space equipped with a real-time LED stock ticker. The space houses the college's Student-Managed Investment Fund, which offers practical investment experience.
- Multiple improvement projects are underway at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, including the new Cathy J. Husman ALS Center, in the Center for Collaborative Research, and a new softball complex. Another major project will expand dining for Health Professions Division students by revamping the existing space and expanding it by nearly 14,000 square feet.



**20,000+**

enrolled students, including undergraduates, graduates, and professionals



Ranked a  
Best for Vets College  
in 2023 by  
*Military Times*



**9**

regional campuses located across Florida, Puerto Rico, and Colorado, in addition to the main Fort Lauderdale/Davie and Oceanographic campuses



# USchool Students Make Their Mark

## Educating Competitive Students

NSU's University School is a unique experience for exceptional high school students. These high achievers have all the resources they need to push the boundaries of their capabilities.

- The Speech and Debate team won a national championship, and one student was named a national champion in extemporaneous speaking.
- The Upper School Robotics team ranked number one and was undefeated in the VEX Robotics State Qualifier Tournament.
- The University School Network team won two awards at the Florida Scholastic Press State Convention for middle school short film and high school news packages.
- Two Upper School graduates were named National Merit Scholars from among 15,000+ finalists nationwide.

approximately



**2,000**

NSU University School  
(Pre-K-12) students



**100%**

college acceptance rate



# The Power of the Arts

## NSU Enriches Community Through Art

The arts are key to building more diverse, inclusive communities. NSU embraces this, fostering voices and talents that help us explore new perspectives and share in our common humanity.

- The NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale hosted an exhibition featuring the ceramics of Pablo Picasso, drawn exclusively from the museum's collection.
- The Halmos College of Arts and Sciences provides opportunities for student artistic expression, including art exhibits, dance choreography showcases, and theatrical productions.
- Students from the University School staged a production of *Amélie*, a musical adaptation of the 2001 French romantic comedy film.



**8,000+**  
permanent works housed  
at the NSU Art Museum  
Fort Lauderdale



Best Museum in South  
Florida (2024)  
—*Miami New Times*



Installation view, Pablo Picasso: Dust You Are, To Dust You Return, 2023 at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. Photo by David Guidi.



# Stronger Together

## NSU Lives Diversity as a Core Value

Diversity is one of our key strengths. As the country's largest private, not-for-profit Hispanic-serving institution, the university is positioned to lead ongoing efforts that build our understanding and create even more inclusive educational experiences.

- The Belonging, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (BEDI) Advisory Council has completed multiple initiatives, including creating a cultural competency training program for the Office of Facilities Management, assembling a best practices inventory, and adding diversity-related questions to employee exit surveys.
- The BEDI Advisory Council hosted Diversity Summit Week, which included academic panels, workshops, a multicultural live show, and movie screenings.
- NSU's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center creates library guides that collect educational resources in diverse areas, such as the LGBTQ+ community, Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Juneteenth.



**#9**

in the U.S. for the most graduate degrees awarded to minority students



**#1**

largest, private, not-for-profit institution in the U.S. that meets the U.S. Department of Education criteria as a Hispanic-serving institution



- 32% Hispanic
- 30% White, Non-Hispanic
- 17% Black, Non-Hispanic
- 10% Asian
- 4% Nonresident Alien
- 4% Race/Ethnicity Unknown
- 3% More Than One Race
- <1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- <1% Native American or Alaskan Native



The mission of NSU—a selective, doctoral-research university—is to deliver innovative academic programs in a dynamic, lifelong learning and research environment fostering integrity, academic excellence, leadership, and community service through engaged students, faculty, and staff.

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INTEGRITY  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
COMMUNITY  
DIVERSITY  
INNOVATION  
OPPORTUNITY  
RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP  
STUDENT CENTERED

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