

# DUAL ADMISSION NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME FROM THE DUAL ADMISSION TEAM

Dear Dual Admission Student,

Welcome to the Fall 2018 semester! The Dual Admission program at Nova Southeastern University provides our students with the amazing opportunity to complete an undergraduate education with the comfort of knowing they have a reserved spot in one of our outstanding graduate/professional programs. A reserved spot is a major advantage, but you still need to work hard to maintain your status and eligibility. Whether you are a new or continuing student, we want to keep you informed and stay connected with you throughout your journey at NSU. We are excited to launch our inaugural Dual Admission student newsletter and hope this serves as a resource and hub of information for you, along with other initiatives we are working on. Desiree Rivera, our Coordinator of Student Academic Services, will serve as the editor of this newsletter, which we plan to publish at least once per semester. We look forward to your input and involvement along the way. Have a great semester!

*Dr. Saul Sztam, Assistant Dean*

Dear New & Continuing Dual Admission Student,

I hope your Fall semester is off to a great start! We have lots of new and exciting opportunities rolling out this Fall semester. You should have received an email from me containing information for our inaugural Student Advisory Council called the Dual Admission Ambassadors. Also, later this semester we plan on hosting a large scale social event. Please check your email frequently for date, time, and location information. Last but certainly not least, make the most of your time at NSU. College is a transformational time in your life. Take advantage of opportunities that come your way, get engaged and join an organization that is meaningful and relevant to you, utilize the many resources available, stay focused, and make time for self-care. I look forward to seeing all of you around campus- Have a great semester!

Go Sharks!

*Desiree Rivera, M.A.*  
Dual Admission Newsletter Editor

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# GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM



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## SHARKS, CHECK IT OUT!

### OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSITIONING SHARKS

#### **Dual Admission Interview Prep**

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm Huizenga Sales Institute.  
Hosted by the Office of Career Development  
and Dual Admission

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL SHARKS

#### **Recruit a Shark Day**

September 12<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6pm Rick Case Arena  
Job, internship, and volunteer experience fair!

#### **Research 101**

September 19<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm Cortex lab (Mailman  
Hollywood building). Learn about  
undergraduate research opportunities at NSU.

### **DUAL ADMISSION PROGRAM FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS (DAPES)**

The application for DAPES closes on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.  
For participating programs, eligibility information, and  
more details, visit our webpage, [DAPES](#)

### **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Can you think of a clever name for the Dual Admission Newsletter? Send your name suggestion to [drivera@nova.edu](mailto:drivera@nova.edu) and the selected winner will get a free lunch on campus with Dr. Sztam & Desiree!

### **DUAL ADMISSION AMBASSADORS**

#### **Leadership opportunity!**

Are you interested in gaining leadership experience and being an ambassador for the Dual Admission program? The deadline to submit your complete application is **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018!**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- It is critical you attend your **required** Dual Admission New Student Information or Transition session and any other required event the Dual Admission office hosts. If you don't attend you will miss important information, networking opportunities, and your dual admission scholarship will not be renewed.
- PLEASE check your student email account ([mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:mynsu.nova.edu)) frequently.
- Keep your Dual Admission Student Agreement somewhere easily accessible in the event you need to double-check prerequisite, GPA, or test score requirements.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FUN FACTS

- Over **900** new students attended Convocation on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Rick Case Arena at The Don Taft University Center. The largest group of students in attendance thus far!
- This 2018-2019 academic year the Dual Admission Student community consists of approximately 700 students. The largest population of dual students ever.
- Did you attend Sharkapalooza 2018? There were over 2,200 students in attendance, 24 NSU departments, 27 vendors from the local community, and 96 undergraduate student organizations. As always it was full of free food, giveaways, and some familiar Dual faces!

Convocation 2018  
"Fins Up!"



Sharkapalooza  
2018



## RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

### Tutoring & Testing Center

The Tutoring and Testing Center (TTC) is committed to assisting students with all their academic endeavors. We welcome new and returning students to take advantage of our diverse resources. Two of our most popular services are tutoring and supplemental instruction (SI).

We offer one-on-one tutoring services in a variety of subjects in the TTC, located in the Student Affairs Building. New this semester, you can now schedule your own appointments through GradesFirst. We also offer multiple open labs for drop in tutoring in the evening and on Saturdays. You can find tutors in Goodwin, The Commons, and The Alvin Sherman Library. To complement the tutoring services, SI leaders facilitate peer lead interactive, study sessions, held biweekly at times convenient for the students in the SI supported course. The SI program is bigger than ever this semester with 30 leaders supporting 42 sections.

In addition to these great services, we also offer a quiet place to study, access to solutions manuals and computers, test preparation materials, and academic success coaching. Whether you need help creating a study routine that makes sense or just a place to prepare for an upcoming exam, we've got you covered. We've also just introduced Reader's Edge, a software designed to improve reading speed and comprehension, perfect for those preparing for their professional exams. Plus, we are now on Instagram. You can connect with us by following [nsu\\_ttc](#) and [nsu\\_si](#). Details about all of these services and more can be found online at our website <http://www.nova.edu/tutoring-testing>.

## OUR LOCATION

We've moved! We are now located in the **Carl DeSantis Building on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor** (across from the College of Engineering and Computing). Click on link for [NSU Campus Map](#).

Questions? Give us a call at (954) 262-7162

# DUAL STUDENT PROFILES

## #GONSUSHARKS

### Master of Science in Marine Science Dual Student

**Name:** Nathan Andrews

**Academic Year:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Adrian, Michigan

**Resource I used most on campus:** Career Advising and professors' office hours were my two major resources. I highly recommend going to professors' office hours whenever possible, even if you only have one question about the homework. They are there to help you, and sometimes you may even get a cool opportunity from it.

**My Dual Admission experience as an entering Freshman...**

I've always wanted to make my future as bright as possible, so when I heard about the Dual Admission program this university had to offer, I couldn't resist. A saved seat into the marine science graduate program had originally only been a dream until I was accepted in. As a Dual Admissions student, I have the required classes I need to take, but the major I decide to go through is purely of my choice. Yes, I chose marine biology, but I could have followed the marine science Dual Admissions program with a chemistry major, biology major, or a handful of other majors. Dual Admissions has pushed me in a way that I strive to be better, want to do research, and want to take any new opportunities I can. Going into my freshman year, I knew how busy college was going to be due to my experience at an early college program. But, one thing I would have gladly taken advice on had I known earlier was that once you fall behind, it is incredibly difficult to catch up. Also, sometimes it's good to have time where you step away from schoolwork and focus on yourself. Taking organic chemistry my freshman year, this was almost impossible to do, but I now realize this. I would go out with friends here and there, but it wasn't necessarily every couple of days. I would still go to the beach and do things I wanted. But I quickly realized that school was a major priority, and as such it had to be treated with the majority of my time.



**Nathan Andrews**  
Class of 2021

### Doctor of Optometry Dual Student

**Name:** Marissa Cruz

**Academic Year:** Senior. Transitioning to College of Optometry 2019

**Hometown:** Melbourne, Florida

**Resource I used most on campus:** Career Advising. The office has a checklist of what you should do each year, has handouts when and how to write resumes, and has mock interviews.

**What has preparing for your transition year been like?** The application has consumed most my time this summer. Although it took some time, this process was a lot less intimidating because of all the transitioning meetings you go to through Dual Admission. Through these meetings, they give a lot of insight into the application process, what they are looking for, and tips that will help you complete the application and do well on the interview. Therefore, when I look into the future past this transitioning process, I am excited because of the family that has prepared me.

**My Dual Admission Experience....**

Once I learned about the Dual Admission program, I was hooked. Dual Admission is an elite program where you are selected based on your talents, experience, and personality as a student with potential to do well in both your undergraduate and graduate career. Dual Admission is similar to a family in a sense because of the amount of support they provide you to succeed in the field you choose. Dual Admission gives you certain benefits, such as reserving a seat in the program, hosting events that allow you to network, and more access to faculty in the graduate program. As a first year, I highly recommend to converse with not only your faculty, but even the assistant dean of your program. I was able to ask advice from the previous assistant dean of optometry and he helped me obtain a tremendous internship opportunity in my home town with some of the top optometrists in the state of Florida. All it took was asking.



**Marissa Cruz**  
Class of 2019