NSU Receives Two Patents

Making new discoveries has been the fabric of Nova Southeastern University’s Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research since its inception in 1959. The latest findings, made by executive director Appu Rathinavelu, Ph.D., are two anti-cancer medications.

Rathinavelu, who is also an associate dean for institutional planning and development at NSU’s College of Pharmacy, received two U.S. patents this spring for his medications, code named JFD and F16. JFD is an anti-angiogenic drug that inhibits blood vessels that supply oxygen and nutrients through blood circulation to cancer tissues. Cancer treatment using this drug will eventually shrink and starve cancer tissues. F16 is similar to JFD, but is a lot more potent against breast cancer. Overall, the two drugs are designed to battle breast, ovarian, prostate, lung, and colorectal cancers. “These discoveries could be a potential breakthrough in the fight against these cancers,” Rathinavelu said. “Cancer is a modern epidemic that has taken far too many lives. It’s time for us to reverse the trend.”

ERAU Names New Associate VP

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is pleased to announce the selection of Eduardo Prieto as Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management for the Daytona Beach campus. He will assume his new role in January 2012. Among his duties at Embry-Riddle, he will be charged with increasing enrollment and retention; attracting and enrolling a more diverse student body; marketing the Daytona Beach campus; developing new revenue streams for financial aid initiatives; refining the financial aid leveraging model; and fostering team collaboration.

“We are all excited to have Eduardo join us here on the Daytona Beach campus at Embry-Riddle,” said Dr. Richard Heist, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of the campus. “Strong and effective enrollment management is essential to the long-term well-being of our campus. We are extraordinarily proud of the caliber of our students, and it is important that we not only maintain but that we also continue to grow our student body in both number and quality. Eduardo will play a key role in achieving these goals for our campus. I look forward to working with him to ensure that Embry-Riddle continues to maintain its position as the number one aerospace, aviation, and business of aviation institution in the world.”