

The **Community Health – Collaborative Service Initiative** is an endowed scholarship fund created in 2015 by Associate Dean William Marquardt to recognize NSU Physician Assistant students nearing completion of their training and with a commitment to providing primary and preventive health care services coupled with a further commitment to service in the community to those in need. The **Initiative** also recognizes and promotes NSU Physician Assistant graduates in the community who not only have a similar commitment to primary / preventive health care delivery, but have also given back to the university by mentoring students during their learning.



Associate Dean Bill Marquardt with Rachel Macalua, 2015 CHCSI Scholarship Recipient

Orlando PA Graduate is First Recipient of CHCS Scholarship

Rachel Macalua, PA-C, is the first recipient of the College of Health Care Sciences' **Community Health – Collaborative Service** scholarship. A 2015 graduate of the Orlando Physician Assistant program, Ms. Macalua was recognized for her life-long dedication to community service and caring for those in need. With initial motivation from her parents while still a child, she routinely visited local nursing homes and served breakfast to the homeless. Her routine hospital visits and interactions continued after moving to Orlando to attend Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in 2008.

Her active involvement in community service continued in 2011 in Central Florida working with **Service and Love Together (S.A.L.T.)** with services ranging from feeding the homeless, to youth programs in low-income housing facilities in the area and providing health screenings and counseling for families.

Ms. Macalua's clinical experiences in the PA Program were highlighted by her mentor in her Family Medicine rotation whose compassion for his families further cemented her motivation to practice primary care medicine coupled with emphasis on emotional and spiritual wellbeing. She rounded out her clinical training with an additional elective experience in a primary care setting.

2016 Community Health – Collaborative Service Awards



Rachel Frankenthal from the Ft. Lauderdale PA program presented a 2016 CHCS Initiative award by Program Director, Dr. Melissa Coffman.



Albaro Lopez Perez from the Orlando NSU Physician Assistant program was a recipient of a 2016 CHCS Initiative award.

2017 Community Health – Collaborative Service Awards



Program Director, Dr. Lori Butler, presented a 2017 Community Health / Collaborative Service award to Caroline Northrup of the NSU Orlando PA Program.



Danika Cornelius from the NSU Ft. Myers PA Program was a 2017 recipient of the CHCS Initiative award.

2018 Community Health – Collaborative Service Awards



Three NSU Community Health / Collaborative Service Awards were presented in 2018.

Dr. Lori Butler presented certificates to Joanie Gavin (upper left) as well as Rachel Martins (lower left)

Adrian Magana from the Ft. Lauderdale PA program was presented a certificate by Program Director Dr. Calvin Finley and Clinical Director Prof. Stephen Andreades (above)