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Dr. Cynthia Nicholson Appointed to AACTE Board



Norfolk State University's School of Education will have a voice in national conversations shaping the future of educator preparation through Dr. Cynthia Nicholson's appointment to the board of the Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

Learn more about the appointment

NSU Study Abroad Fair Welcomes More Than 100 Students



NSU Global hosted its Fall 2026 Study Abroad Fair, welcoming more than 100 students interested in exploring international education opportunities. Students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from well-known study abroad organizations, while also learning about NSU faculty-led programs planned for Spring Break and Summer 2027.

"The Study Abroad Fair is a valuable opportunity for students to explore the full range of international programs available to them and connect directly with lead professors and past participants," states Study Abroad student worker Jamyra Small.

The fair highlighted opportunities across destinations including Panama, Jamaica, South Africa, Ghana and Kenya and gave students a chance to speak directly with program representatives, faculty, and the NSU Global team about taking their education abroad.

Pre-Law Club Hosts Law School Panel



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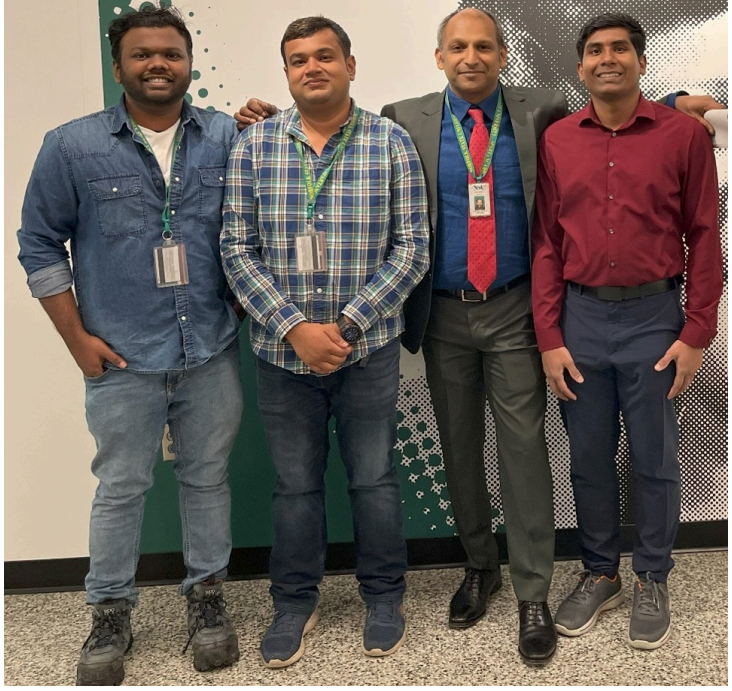
Norfolk State University's Thurgood Marshall Pre-Law Club hosted a panel discussion to help students navigate the law school application process, explore institutional opportunities and build competitive applications.

Panelists included admissions representatives from Campbell University School of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Regent University School of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, and North Carolina Central University School of Law.

During the discussion, panelists highlighted their schools' unique programs and opportunities. They encouraged students to understand application deadlines, explore scholarships and fully disclose their disciplinary history. Panelists explained that minor violations do not necessarily prevent admission when applicants demonstrate honesty and accountability, while failing to disclose required information can create complications during the bar admission process.

Students were encouraged to contact law school admissions offices directly for guidance rather than paying for expensive consultants.

Smart Bandages: Moving Research Toward Real-World Healthcare



Research Team Members (Left to Right): Santhosh Adhinarayanan, Soumadeep De, Renny Fernandez, Harikrishnan Jalajamony.

Through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Visiting Faculty Program, Dr. Sunil K. Karna, Assistant Professor of Physics, spent summer 2026 conducting collaborative research at Jefferson Lab focused on radiation-tolerant functional quantum materials for extreme environments. The highly competitive program provides faculty from across the country with opportunities to conduct research at DOE National Laboratories.

The collaboration also extended to Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where Dr. Karna and two NSU students conducted experiments using advanced research facilities. Together, these research experiences are helping examine how materials respond to radiation exposure and identify materials with potential applications in space technologies, advanced electronics and quantum devices.

The collaboration strengthens Norfolk State University's research partnerships with national laboratories while providing NSU students with hands-on experience in advanced experimental techniques and facilities. Ph.D. students Foster Ontumi and Orrin Delgado, both in Physics, contributed to the research through the synthesis and characterization of quantum materials and are expected to benefit from future research opportunities at Jefferson Lab.

"I want NSU students to have opportunities to work alongside national laboratory scientists, gain experience with state-of-the-art experimental facilities, and see themselves as future contributors to the national scientific enterprise," said Dr. Karna.

New On-Campus Voting Precinct

We are pleased to announce that Norfolk State University will have a new on-campus voting precinct on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Please review the information below carefully. The on-campus precinct is not available to all NSU students, faculty and staff. Your registered address determines where you are eligible to vote.

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