

George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D. President/Chief Executive Officer

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Please send this request to Scott Rice for action

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City Manager Clearwater City Hall, 3rd Floor 112 S. Osceola Ave., P.O. Box 4748 Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Mr. Horne:

Mr. William Horne

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Further to our previous conversations and as you suggested, with the expansion of NSU into your city and through the generosity and philanthropy efforts of Dr. Kiran C. Patel, I recommend the City Council change the name of Damascus Road to the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Boulevard. As you are aware, the property was previously owned and operated by the Clearwater Christian College, and they taught around 500 students on their campus. NSU will have over 2000 students and 200 faculty and staff when the new campus opens in August 2019. With this very special partnership between NSU and Dr. Kiran C. Patel, this new campus will help train, educate and graduate over 150 new Physicians a year, as well as other health care professionals including; Physician Assistants (PA), Nursing, Physical Therapist (PT) and Occupational Therapist (OT). Additionally, this campus will offer masters (MBA) in business and masters and doctoral degrees in education and psychology.

We have received approval from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) for a class of 150 students to begin studying at the Clearwater site in Fall 2019. With a class of 250 students on NSU's main campus in Davie and 150 students at the Tampa Bay Regional Campus in Clearwater, the NSU Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine will have a great impact statewide, nationally and globally. This is a monumental opportunity for the College of Osteopathic Medicine to expand and meet the increasing demand for top qualified physicians and quality health care. In addition, the increase in revenue and jobs created will enhance the economy of the entire Clearwater area.

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is located in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area with locations around Florida and Puerto Rico. We are the heart of the region's academic and research hub with more than 26,000 students and 152,000 alumni from around the world. The mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible distance learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, lifelong learning environment.

I urge you to support this request, and recommend to the Clearwater City Council to approve the same.

Sincerely yours.

George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D

President/CEO