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C O M M E N C E M E N T





THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION,
AND STAFF CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS VERY
SPECIAL DAY. ■ TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE
IS THE CULMINATION OF YOUR HARD WORK AND
INTELLECTUAL EFFORT, WHICH SHOULD BE DULY NOTED
AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED. ■ MAY ALL OF YOUR
DREAMS AND WISHES BRING FORTH A PROSPEROUS
FUTURE. ■ CONGRATULATIONS!

Nova Southeastern University

Shepard Broad Law Center

Master of Science Degree in Health Law Celebration Ceremony

Class of 2008

July 12, 2008
University Center
Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Nova Southeastern University is the largest fully accredited independent institution of higher education in the Southeast. The university's 15 academic centers serve more than 26,000 full-time and part-time students. NSU's 300-acre main campus is located in suburban Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Other locations include its Oceanographic Center adjacent to Port Everglades, its East Campus near downtown Fort Lauderdale, and the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services in North Miami Beach. The university also serves students at locations throughout Florida, across the nation, and at selected international sites in the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Mexico, Korea, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom. NSU provides an academic setting conducive to higher learning while using the latest technology and innovative techniques to facilitate the learning process. It has been a longtime leader in distance education for students, especially working professionals, who seek to improve their expertise without interrupting their careers.

Nova Southeastern University, now in its fifth decade, maintains its commitment to the adult learner. Its strong record of academic excellence, fiscal stability, and excellence in teaching and research strengthens its position as an international leader in field-based education.

The president, board of trustees, administration, and faculty and staff members congratulate you on this very special day. Today's celebration is the culmination of your hard work and intellectual effort, which should be duly noted and publicly recognized. May all your dreams and wishes bring forth a prosperous future. Congratulations!

WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University cordially welcomes you to the sixth annual celebration ceremony commemorating the accomplishments of candidates for the Master of Science in Health Law degree program at the Shepard Broad Law Center. We are here to extend to the degree candidates the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university's students, faculty and staff members, and supporters.

Order of Exercises

- *ProcessionalPomp and Circumstance March No. 1—Elgar
- Welcome and Remarks.....William Adams
Associate Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
- Introduction of Student Speakers.....Stephanie Aleong
Associate Professor and M.S.H.L. Program Director
- Student Speaker.....Judith Rooney
- Guest Speaker.....Donald Webster
Chief Executive Officer, American Cancer Society, Florida Division
- Presentation of Degrees.....Stephanie Aleong
- Closing Remarks.....Stephanie Aleong
- *RecessionalMarch—Holst

** The audience should stand during this part of the ceremony.*

Degree Candidates

Presented by Master of Science in Health Law Program Director Stephanie Aleong
Concentration and honors noted where applicable

Drew A. Augenstein

*Legal Regulatory Compliance
Cum Laude**

Cheryse Burgos Santos

*Summa Cum Laude**

Joan Ruth Ferguson

*Legal Regulatory Compliance
Summa Cum Laude**

Valerie G. Fuldauer

*Summa Cum Laude**

Mary Margaret Gay

*Summa Cum Laude**

Melody Gordon-Duckie

*Summa Cum Laude**

Kim Harmon

Jacquetta R. Hinton

*Magna Cum Laude**

Roxie A. Jackson

*Cum Laude**

Dana Kurtzman-Vafiades

*Risk Management
Summa Cum Laude**

Susan Ellen Lautner

*Risk Management
Cum Laude**

Nancy D. May

*Legal Regulatory Compliance
Summa Cum Laude**

Mary Ellen McClory

*Legal Regulatory Compliance
Summa Cum Laude**

Rachelle McPherson

*Cum Laude**

Robert Lee Mitchell III

Ariel Montano

Legal Regulatory Compliance

Jose Rocha

Legal Regulatory Compliance

Judith L. Rooney
Legal Regulatory Compliance
*Summa Cum Laude**

Buzz Schudy
*Magna Cum Laude**

Norris William Schultz
Legal Regulatory Compliance
*Summa Cum Laude**

Jaime L. Silva
*Cum Laude**

Terry H. Smallhorne
Legal Regulatory Compliance
*Summa Cum Laude**

Joseph L. Smetana Jr.
*Magna Cum Laude**

Kathy White Stockton
*Summa Cum Laude**

Coleen J. Taylor
Legal Regulatory Compliance
*Magna Cum Laude**

Sameerah A. Tisdale
Legal Regulatory Compliance

Debra Carol Wilcox
Risk Management
*Summa Cum Laude**

Yvette Windham

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Janet Ann Zolkower
Risk Management
*Summa Cum Laude**

**Potential honors based upon cumulative grade point average after fall 2007 term*

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CELEBRATION SPEAKER

Donald Webster

Donald Webster began his career with the American Cancer Society in 1985 as the vice president of finance. Later promoted to vice president of operations, he continued to assume more responsibility and was named chief executive officer in March 1994.

As chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society's Florida Division, Webster provides leadership to more than 400 staff members throughout the state. He reports to a volunteer board of directors responsible for the governance of the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society and oversees the American Cancer Society's operations in Puerto Rico.

During Webster's tenure with the American Cancer Society, he led the passage of two citizen's initiatives to fight smoking in Florida. The first, Amendment 6, made workplaces smoke-free. Florida was the first state to guarantee smoke-free workplaces, and other states soon followed. The second ballot initiative, Amendment 4, restored funding for Florida's youth tobacco education program.

Under Webster's leadership, the Florida Division has been an advocate for expanding the state's capacity to conduct biomedical research related to the prevention and early detection of cancer. Currently, he is leading the Florida Division in the charge to increase the tobacco excise tax and address other pressing tobacco-related health issues.

Webster has also participated in numerous task forces and committees at the national level. He serves on the National Executive Team and the National Mission Delivery Council and chairs the National Mission Support Council. Webster is a member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Donald Webster is a graduate of the University of South Florida and received his master's degree in business from the University of Tampa. He and his wife, Karen, have two grown sons, Chris, an urologist in Orlando, and Todd, a CPA in Tampa.

ACADEMIC NOTES

The caps and gowns of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages, when they were common dress for scholars. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th century castles and halls of learning.

The bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long, square sleeves, closed at the end and slit near the elbow to permit the forearms to come through. The doctor's gown, which also may be worn open, is trimmed with velvet panels down the front, with three velvet bars on its bell-shaped sleeves. The hood is the key to the costume. With a tassel of the same material as the gown, it is lined in silk with a color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The length of the hood indicates the degree: four feet for the doctor; three-and-a-half feet for the master; and three feet for the bachelor. The hood is sometimes omitted on the bachelor's gown. The width of the velvet border also indicates the degree. The widest border belongs to the doctor's gown.

The color of the hood's border indicates the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The doctor's hood may bear a single chevron on the lining. Two narrow chevrons indicate a bachelor's degree, while the master's hood may have a single chevron or be divided equally in two colors.

The various fields of learning are indicated by color as follows: arts, letters, humanities—white; commerce and accountancy—drab; economics—copper; education or pedagogy—light blue; engineering—orange; fine arts, including architecture—brown; law—purple; library science—lemon; medicine—green; philosophy—dark blue; and science—golden yellow.

During the processional, candidates for the bachelor's degree wear the tassels of their mortarboard on their right. Upon receiving the diplomas, they move the tassels to the left. Candidates for all other degrees wear the tassels on the left.

UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit, independent institution dedicated to providing high quality educational programs of distinction from preschool through the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community. Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The university fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings.

SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

NSU Law Center's mission is to provide our students with the skills they need to practice effectively in our vibrant South Florida community or elsewhere in the global community. The faculty, a diverse group of teacher-scholars with a wide range of backgrounds, is committed to producing highly qualified and compassionate practicing attorneys who reflect the diversity of the communities they serve. Our curriculum stresses practical skills and the integration of technology with the law, so that our students embark on their law careers prepared for the real-world challenges of modern legal practice.

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NOTE

The appearance of a name in this program should not be interpreted as evidence of graduation. The student's permanent record, on file in the University Registrar's Office, remains the official testimony of the possession of a Nova Southeastern University degree.

MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and was also displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually, in the 15th century, it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star," symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, *nova* means "new" or "innovative." Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution, to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.





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