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2008

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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!

WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University extends a cordial welcome to each person attending this 32nd Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 39th annual commencement exercises of the university. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of the degree candidates and to extend to them the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university's students, faculty and staff members, and supporters.

BANK ATLANTIC CENTER
2555 Northwest 136th Avenue
Sunrise, Florida
Saturday, the 10th of May
Two Thousand Eight

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal
Members of the Faculty
Board of Governors
Trustees
Distinguished Guests
Commencement Officials
Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> March No. 1 in D.....	Elgar
Convening the 39th Commencement.....	Grand Marshal, Silvia M. Flores, M.D.
Presiding Officer.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D. President, Nova Southeastern University
<i>America, the Beautiful</i>	Bates/Ward
Welcome.....	Frank A. DePiano, Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Opening Remarks.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Remarks.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Student Speaker.....	Christopher Thomas Byrd
Introduction of Faculty Speaker.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Faculty Speaker.....	Ronald Benton Brown Professor of Law
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh
Commencement Address.....	Dr. Tariq Hassan Personal Representative of the Honorable Iftikhar Mohammed Chaundry, Chief Justice of Pakistan/Attorney, International Legal Services, Islamabad, Pakistan
Conferring of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws to the Honorable Iftikhar Mohammed Chaundry, Chief Justice of Pakistan.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Conferring of Degrees.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Introduction of Degree Candidates.....	Janet Mosseri Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Recessional <i>Empire March</i>	Elgar
Dismissal of the Commencement.....	Grand Marshal, Silvia M. Flores, M.D.
Nova Southeastern University <i>Anthem</i>	Cavanaugh

We request that the audience stand during the Processional, Anthem, and Recessional.

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The caps, gowns, and hoods 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 doctoral; three-and-a-half feet for master's; and three feet for bachelor's. 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 doctoral degree-holder's gown.

The color of the hood's border indicates the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The doctoral hood may bear a single chevron on the lining. Two narrow chevrons indicate a bachelor's degree, while the master's degree 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; 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.

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains' majesty
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control
Thy liberty in law!*

NSU ANTHEM

*Hail Thee, Nova Southeastern!
Bright sun shining new;
Radiant star of our morning,
Ever rising, true:*

*May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide
and thy love a beacon strong,
as throughout the world we spread thy name
joining voice in grateful song:*

*Nova Southeastern, Alma Mater,
By thy light imbue,
Service, honor, loyalty,
'til our days are through.*

Love Thee, Gray and Blue!

Mace

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and also was 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.



