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Presentation of Candidates	<i>Richard E. Davis, PA-C, Ed.D.</i> Dean
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Conferral of Degrees in Course.....	<i>Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D.</i>
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With more than 30 years of service, **Linda Slote Quick, M.S.M.** has earned the reputation as an expert in all aspects of South Florida's health and human services systems. From neonatal intensive care to developments in hospice care and all areas in between, her study and analysis of the full range and scope of healthcare facilities, finances, and personnel have led to interaction with some of the country's leading providers and consumers of health and social services. Ms. Quick maintains comfortable professional relationships with legislators, business leaders, physicians, nurses, social workers, journalists, educators, seniors, parents, and teenagers as a respected participant in many national and international human service forums.

Currently, as president of the South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association (SFHHA), Ms. Quick works with over 50 hospitals and 100 Association members in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties, providing advocacy as well as educational programs for management and staff. As president of the South Florida Hospital Research and Education Foundation, she raises funds to support an annual seminar on contemporary healthcare issues. On behalf of the Association, she has consulted with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, the Center for Study of Health System Change, and the National Health Policy Forum in studying South Florida's health care market. With her insights into the impact of system reform on all segments of the population and all spheres of the industry, she is a reliable resource often cited by local



and national media outlets on everything from the origins of managed care to the measurement of consumer satisfaction.

During her illustrious career, Ms. Quick has assisted the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, the Florida Department of Children and Families (formerly Health and Rehabilitative Services), and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs with numerous special projects. She has consulted with Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe County Commissioners and the Palm Beach County Health Care District on the impact of state and federal legislations. She has provided input to various Governors' Task Forces on topics from Disaster Preparedness to South Florida 2025. An accomplished public speaker, Ms. Quick has served as a guest lecturer on numerous panels and at educational institutions on all levels.

Ms. Quick serves with distinction on numerous local, state, and national policy development organizations. She has sat on a number of American Hospital Association work groups and is currently on the Public Relations Workgroup of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. She is a past chair of the Conference of Metropolitan Hospital Associations (CMHA), is a past president of the American Health Planning Association (AHPA), and a past chair of Carrfour Supportive Housing Corporation. Ms. Quick is now on the board of directors of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Health & Bioscience Committee, and she is an active member of the executive board of the Community Blood Services of South Florida. She also sits on the Broward Workforce Development Board, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, and the Broward Alliance Board of Directors.

THE AUDIOLOGY OATH

*As a Doctor of Audiology, I pledge to practice the art and science of my profession
to the best of my ability and to be ethical in conduct.*

*I will respect and honor my teachers,
and also those who forged the path I freely follow.*

*According to their example, I will continue
to expand my knowledge and improve my skills.*

*I will collaborate with my fellow audiologists and other professionals
for the benefit of our patients.*

*I will, to the best of my ability and judgment,
evaluate, manage, and treat my patients.*

*I will willingly do no harm, but rather always strive
to provide care according to the standards of the profession.*

*I will act to the benefit of those needing care,
striving to see that none go untreated.*

*I will practice when competent to do so, and refer all others
to practitioners capable of providing care in keeping with this oath.*

I will aspire to personal and professional conduct free from corruption.

I will keep in confidence all information made known to me about my patients.

*As a Doctor of Audiology, I agree to be held accountable
for any violation of this oath and the ethics of the profession.*

*While I keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life
and the practice of the art and science of audiology, respected by all persons, in all times.*

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

*I will hold as my primary responsibility
the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.*

*I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy,
beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice.*

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

*I will hold in confidence the information shared
in the course of practicing medicine.*

*I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations,
striving always to improve my medical practice.*

*I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills,
keeping abreast of advances in medicine.*

*I will work with other members of the health care team
to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.*

*I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute
to an improved community.*

*I will respect my professional relationship
with the physician.*

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

*These duties are pledged with sincerity and
upon my honor.*

THE NIGHTINGALE OATH

*I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly
to faithfully practice my profession of nursing.*

*I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards
and practices of my profession.*

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

*I will assist the physician in his work and will devote myself to the welfare
of my patients, my family, and my community.*

*I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen
and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.*

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely.

I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of mankind.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a longstanding tradition that originated in medieval universities in the 11th and 12th centuries. Attired in cap, hood, and gown, the faculty would present itself and its students to the local community for inspection.

The gown was originally thought to be worn for warmth, and to denote authority and privilege. Today, black is the color of the gown for all degrees, although variations represent the difference in the level of the degree.

The medieval hood was worn as a protection from the elements or used as a satchel to carry scrolls and books. The modern hood worn today for master and doctoral level degree candidates is lined with satin in the colors of the institution conferring the degree (Nova Southeastern University colors are blue and gray).

In addition, the hood for master and doctoral candidates is trimmed with various colors of velvet facing, each color representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted. Royal blue has been designated to represent doctor of philosophy, shades of green were chosen for health science, physician assistant, and audiology, slate blue to represent occupational therapy, and apricot to represent nursing.

The academic cap, at one time worn by freed Roman slaves, signifies the wearer's right to academic freedom and attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer as well as the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

During the Middle Ages, the mace was displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, ceremonies, and university classes. The mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead 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.

Graduates who have been recognized for academic achievement by the college are wearing honor cords.

