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THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY,  
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

WELCOME TO THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OF 2013

FOR THE

COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

AND

COLLEGE OF NURSING

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER  
FORT LAUDERDALE/DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Saturday, the Twenty-fourth of August, Two Thousand and Thirteen  
One O'clock in the Afternoon*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

GEORGE L. HANBURY II, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

Prelude

\*Processional

Crown Imperial ..... Walton

Convening the Commencement ..... Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores, M.D.  
Member, Board of Trustees

\*Star Spangled Banner ..... Key/Smith

*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Introductions ..... Meline Kevorkian, Ed.D.  
Associate Provost

Welcoming ..... Fred Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.  
Health Professions Division Chancellor

President's Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Conferring of Honorary Degree  
Doctor of Humane Letters ..... George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address ..... Denise Grimsley  
Senator, State of Florida District 21

Presentation of Candidates

College of Health Care Sciences ..... Richard E. Davis, Ed.D.  
Dean

- Audiology
- Occupational Therapy
- Health Science
- Physician Assistant

College of Nursing ..... Marcella M. Rutherford, M.S.N., M.B.A., Ph.D.  
Dean

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Conferral of Degrees .....	George L. Hanbury II
Presentation of Oaths	
Audiology Oath.....	Teri Hamill, Ph.D. Professor
Physician Assistant Oath .....	Lorilee Butler, M.P.A.S., M.Ed., PA-C Program Director, Department Chair
Closing Remarks .....	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement.....	Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores
*Nova Southeastern University Anthem.....	Cavanaugh

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!

\*Recessional

<i>La Rejouissance</i> .....	Handel From <i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>
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# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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### DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

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Ghada Mohammed BinKhamis.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Michael Mehari.....	London, United Kingdom
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Shelby Jane Campbell.....	Melbourne, Florida	Tanya Stathopoulos.....	Manhasset, New York
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Sania Khan.....	London, United Kingdom	Sandra Yampolsky.....	Pembroke Pines, Florida

### DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Jessica Bolduc.....	Colchester, Vermont	Tara Colleen Brunner.....	Santa Rosa, California
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### DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE

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Anthony Randal Anderson.....	San Antonio, Texas	Bethania M. Delucien.....	Cocanut Creek, Florida
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# DISTINGUISHED HONOREE

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**DENISE GRIMSLEY**

*Senator, State of Florida District 21*

Nova Southeastern University is honored to have Denise Grimsley, a state senator, address our graduates at commencement this year. Her participation is particularly relevant for graduates of the Health Professions Division because of her accomplishments in the field of public health and her service to the people of the state of Florida.

Grimsley represents the 21st District in the Florida State Senate. This includes Okeechobee County, Highlands County, and parts of Martin, Osceola, Polk, and St. Lucie counties.

Grimsley, who was elected to her position in 2012, currently serves as chairman of the Health and Human Service Appropriations Committee, where she is a steadfast voice supporting the creation of health care policy for the state.

From 2004-2012, Grimsley served as Florida State Representative for the 77th District. She was chairman of the Health Care Appropriations Committee, as well as a member of the Health Care Council and Health Families Committee.

In addition to her responsibilities as a senator, Grimsley is a registered nurse and has been employed at several hospitals—including Bartow Memorial and Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, where she was recently the Director of Physician Outreach and Market Development. Grimsley now serves as administrator at Florida Hospital Wauchula.

She has also been an independent consultant for Avatar International, CEO of Grimsley Oil Company, and chair of the Convenience Store Association Board and the Florida Petroleum Marketers Board.

Grimsley received her M.B.A., with a specialization in computer information systems, from the University of Miami; a bachelor's degree from Warner Southern College; and an associate's degree from Polk Community College.

She has been the recipient of many legislative awards including the Florida Hospital Association Excellence in Public Service Award (2012), the American Cancer Society Legislative Leadership Award (2011), the Florida Dental Association Dr. Lewis Earle Legislative Services Award (2010), the Florida Council for Community Mental Health Legislator of the Year (2010), and the Florida Career Institute Appreciation for Service and Dedication to the pursuit of Allied Health Educational Training (2009).

## 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.*

# UNIVERSITY VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

## VISION 2020 STATEMENT

By 2020, through excellence and innovations in teaching, research, service, and learning, Nova Southeastern University will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community, and the general public as a premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction that engages all students and produces alumni who serve with integrity in their lives, fields of study, and resulting careers.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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Nova Southeastern University Anthem

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## PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a longstanding tradition that originated in the medieval university 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, blue is the color of the undergraduate gown and gray is the color of the graduate gown, with variations to represent the master's and doctoral degree levels.

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 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 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 was chosen to represent occupational therapy; and apricot was chosen 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 and the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

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

## 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, *novus* 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.

# AUTOGRAPHS

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