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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 2015

FOR THE

COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Fifteenth of May, Two Thousand and Fifteen
Four O'clock in the Afternoon*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

*Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

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

Presiding OfficerGeorge L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

**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?*

IntroductionsRalph V. Rogers, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

Opening Remarks George L. Hanbury II

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Doctor of Humane Letters George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address Gabbi Promoff, M.A.
*Associate Director for Policy,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
Office on Smoking and Health*

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Presentation of Degree Candidates	Ralph V. Rogers
Presentation of Oaths	
Physical Therapy Oath	Madeleine A. Hellman, PT, Ed.D., M.H.M., Ed.D. Chair, Department of Physical Therapy/Associate Professor College of Health Care Sciences
Optometric Oath.....	Barry Frauens, O.D., FAAO Chair, Department of Clinics College of Optometry
Pharmacist's Oath.....	Joshua Caballero, Pharm.D., BCCP Associate Professor College of Pharmacy
Conferral of Degrees	George L. Hanbury II
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

La Rejouissance Handel
From *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

Presented by Dean Stanley Wilson, PT, Ed.D., CEAS

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Lauren Judith Abrin.....	Palm Beach Gardens, Florida	James Higgins.....	Forest Hills, New York
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL VISION RESEARCH

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		Yamel Yanez	Miami, Florida
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

David Jude Mastropietro

Davie, Florida

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Gabbi Promoff, M.A.
***Associate Director for Policy, Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention's
Office on Smoking and Health***

With more than 15 years of tobacco control experience, Gabbi Promoff, M.A., serves as the associate director for policy in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH). Promoff provides expertise and strategic direction on tobacco control policy and leadership on national and state tobacco control policy initiatives. She also represents OSH on matters related to policy and social and environmental interventions that reduce tobacco use and eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. Additionally, she provides essential information to the public and key stakeholders about scientific research and discoveries by OSH through media outreach and other endeavors.

Promoff has been instrumental in the release of major CDC publications, such as the 2007 and 2014 *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs* guidance documents, as well as four Surgeon General's Reports on smoking and health. These include *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, released in 2006; *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*, released in 2010; *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults*, released in 2012; and *The Health Consequences of Smoking-50 Years of Progress*, released in 2014. She led the national earned media launch of *Tips from Former Smokers*, the first paid national tobacco education campaign, which profiles real people who live with serious long-term health effects from smoking and secondhand smoke.

Also serving as co-manager of the *Healthy People 2020 Tobacco Use* topic area, Promoff recently provided essential support to the CDC chief of staff and Office of the Director to help respond to the Ebola crisis.

Prior to joining the CDC, Promoff worked at GolinHarris International providing social marketing expertise to more than 10 state departments about health and tobacco prevention and control movements, and she worked on the American Legacy Foundation's truth® campaign.

Originally from South Florida, she graduated from Emory University with a B.A. in Political Science and received a master's degree from the George Washington University School of Political Management.

PHYSICAL THERAPY OATH

As I enter the profession of physical therapy, I solemnly and willingly pledge the following:

I will strive to demonstrate professionalism as reflected in the APTA's Core Values in all my professional and personal endeavors.

I will respect the rights and dignity of all individuals and will provide compassionate care.

I will be trustworthy in all aspects of physical therapy practice.

I will place the welfare of my patients above my own self-interest.

I will provide accurate and relevant information to patients about their care and to the public about physical therapy services.

I will exercise sound judgment and comply with the laws and regulations that govern physical therapy, and will protect the public from unethical, incompetent, and illegal acts.

I will maintain professional competence and promote high standards for physical therapy practice, education, and research.

I will address the health needs of society and strive to effect changes that benefit patients and the community.

I will contribute to the body of knowledge that is physical therapy.

I will respect the rights, knowledge, and skills of colleagues and other health care professionals, and seek consultation whenever the welfare of the patient may be advanced.

Thus, with this pledge, I freely accept the responsibilities that accompany the academic preparation for, and the practice of, physical therapy.

OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics, and ideals of my chosen profession, and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients can benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind, as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast of this, my solemn oath and obligation.

PHARMACIST'S OATH

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate change that improves patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily, with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

UNIVERSITY VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

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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.

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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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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the original centers of learning of the western world in the church of the Middle Ages. Caps, hoods, and gowns of the early students and monks have been held through the centuries to be traditionally symbolic of the scholarly devotion so basic to education and to the deliberate and orderly evolution of knowledge.

The introduction of classical studies, the gradual rise of the great universities across Europe, and the ever-increasing awareness of the decisive role of education in the entire development of civilization influenced leaders among academicians in their desire for a singular identity. In the attempt to create this differentiation, educators fell upon the medieval system of classic heraldry, whereby the coat of arms, assorted ornamental trappings, and patterns of colorful design had been adopted to denote the distinctive character of designated chivalric orders. The function of a pedagogical heraldry became, then, simply identification. As such, measures were taken to signify, through distinctive markings on the academicians' attire, the institution that had granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree had been earned, and the level of the degree, e.g., bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

Of the three pieces of academic attire—the cap, the gown, and the hood—it is the hood that offers the most abundant and most readily discernible information about its owner. The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution at which the individual earned the degree. Some schools have adopted two-color patterns and introduced chevrons and bars in various designs to set themselves apart from other institutions. The velvet trim bordering the hood indicates the major field of learning, or faculty, in which the degree has been earned. A final feature of the hood concerns its length and width and distinguishes further between holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet, closed at the bottom, and with a velvet border of two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, however, individuals receiving a bachelor's degree do not wear a hood. A master's degree holder has a hood three-and-one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border, and the hood is slit at the bottom. Those individuals with a doctoral degree wear a hood four feet in length, open at the bottom with a five-inch border.

The cut of the gown aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. It may be recognized most readily by the long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller and bears no adornment. The sleeves are oblong in shape and open at the wrist, with the rear part of the oblong square cut while the front edge has a cutaway arc. The doctor's gown is more elaborate, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck of the garment. The sleeves are bell-shaped at the end and have three bars of the same material as the front panels at the upper portion of the arm. It is cut rather fully and may be ornamental in color.

The mortarboard or Oxford-type cap has been adopted throughout most universities in the United States, although tams have become increasingly fashionable to denote holders of the doctoral degree. Colored tassels are usually worn by holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees. These denote the field of learning.

The color, indeed the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universality of universities, and of their responsibility for certain timeless values essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. Its wearing marks also the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and symbolized their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

HONORS

Students wear cords, pins, sashes, and medallions that reflect institutional and national academic honors as well as campus leadership, service, and engagement.

PROCESSIONAL BANNERS (GONFALONS)

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias, and many use them to identify and lead colleges and schools within the university in academic procession. The gonfalons represent the university and the various academic divisions of Nova Southeastern University.

The lower half of the gonfalon consists of the university insignia in various permutations. On the upper half is the name of a particular academic division of the university, along with a diagonal stripe in the color of that division's principal discipline.

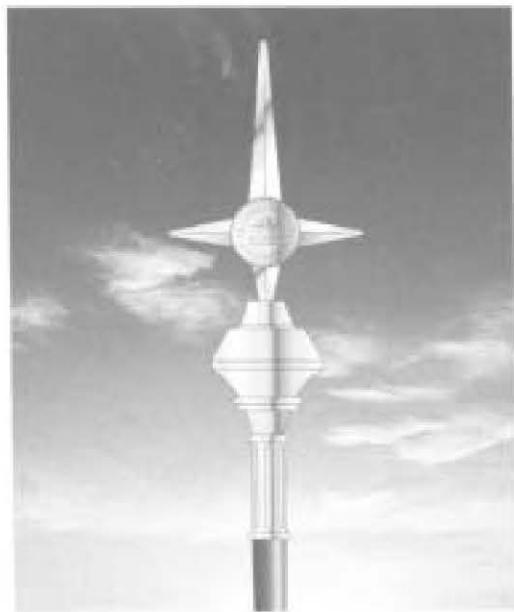
ARTS, LETTERS, HUMANITIES.....	<i>White</i>	OPTOMETRY	<i>Sea Foam Green</i>
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LAW	<i>Purple</i>	SCIENCE.....	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
MEDICINE	<i>Green</i>	SOCIAL SCIENCE.....	<i>Cream</i>
MUSIC.....	<i>Pink</i>		
NURSING.....	<i>Apricot</i>		

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.

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