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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 NURSING

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Twenty-First of August, Two Thousand and Fifteen
Two-Thirty in the Afternoon*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

*Processional

Crown Imperial (1937)Walton

Convening the Commencement.....Grand Marshal, Jacqueline Travisano, M.B.A., CPA
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Presiding Officer.....George 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 hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, 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.....Ralph 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

Commencement Address.....Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S.
Dean, NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine

Presentation of Degree Candidates.....Ralph V. Rogers

**Denotes that the audience should stand during this part of the ceremony*

Presentation of Oaths

Audiology Oath..... Erica Friedland, Au.D.
Chair and Associate Professor

Physician Assistant Oath..... Kyrus E. Patch, D.H.Sc., M.S.P.A.S., PA-C
Program Director and Assistant Professor

Occupational Therapy Pledge Wendy Stav, Ph.D., OTR/L, SCDCM, FAOTA
Department Chair

Conferral of Degrees George L. Hanbury II

Closing Remarks George L. Hanbury II

Dismissal of the Commencement Grand Marshal, Jacqueline Travisano

*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 Rejoissance Handel
From *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



***Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S.,
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Nova Southeastern University***

Elaine M. Wallace was appointed dean of NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine in January 2015.

Wallace served in various capacities at the college during the past 15 years, most recently as executive associate dean (2009–2015), professor of osteopathic principles and practice (2000–2015), clinical professor for family medicine (2000–2015), and staff physician for NSU's Sanford L. Ziff Health Care Center (2000–2015).

Prior to that, she served as associate dean of academic administration (2008–2009), chair of the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice and the Department of Sports Medicine (2000–2008), liaison to international medicine (2000–2008), and residency director for sports medicine and sports medicine fellowship (2000–2009).

An active scholar and researcher with a distinguished publication record, Wallace has received numerous awards and recognitions for her mentorship, teaching excellence, and student engagement, including NSU's Faculty Award for Community Service (2012). In 2013, she received the prestigious Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. It is awarded annually by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to a select group of faculty members from the nation's medical schools who best demonstrate the ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care; respect and empathy for patients, their families, and health care colleagues; and clinical excellence.

Wallace is fully engaged in the professional community, serving in past and current leadership roles with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), American Academy of Osteopathy, American Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators, and National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

Beginning her career in a private family medicine practice in Kansas City, Missouri, Wallace subsequently assumed faculty and leadership positions at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City. At different times, she served as department chair, medical director of the Family Care Center, associate dean of academic and clinical affairs, vice dean of academics and medical education, and acting dean, all while holding the rank of professor.

Wallace has a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) and a Master of Science in Higher Education and Leadership from the University of Health Sciences, Kansas City, Missouri. She also holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Brain-Based Education from NSU.

Wallace is board certified in family medicine (AOA), neuromusculoskeletal medicine (AOA), sports medicine (AOA), and medical acupuncture (University of California Los Angeles—Helms Institute).

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.*

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLEDGE

In accepting the privileges and rights afforded by this degree, I accept the following responsibilities inherent in my commitments to my practice, my profession, and society.

I hereby pledge to

Hold my knowledge in trust for the good of those whom I serve;

Endeavor to keep both the profession and the occupational needs of the clients and communities I serve foremost in my thoughts and actions;

Deliver occupational therapy services that demonstrate excellence at all levels of care while valuing and honoring diversity and respecting others as equals;

Advocate for needed services and the rights of clients, their caregivers, and communities to support needed services and the rights of clients to live life to their fullest, regardless of the constraints I may face;

Strive to always act in a manner that is consistent with the philosophical base and values of the profession by upholding the occupational therapy Code of Ethics, abiding with those in need of care, even in the face of personal risk, and upholding the dignity of all human beings, regardless of their condition;

Model and foster leadership and facilitate spiritual, personal, and professional growth for myself, my profession, and in others.

And uphold the ethical and moral standards of Nova Southeastern University by being committed to building a global human community of justice, respect, and mutual concern through scholarship, lifelong learning, and competency.

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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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>
ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS.....	<i>Drab</i>	ORATORY (SPEECH)	<i>Silver Gray</i>
DENTISTRY.....	<i>Lilac</i>	PHARMACY.....	<i>Olive Green</i>
ECONOMICS.....	<i>Copper</i>	PHILOSOPHY.....	<i>Dark Blue</i>
EDUCATION.....	<i>Light Blue</i>	PODIATRY-CHIROPODY.....	<i>Nile Green</i>
ENGINEERING	<i>Orange</i>	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN SERVICE, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.....	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
FINE ARTS	<i>Brown</i>	PUBLIC HEALTH.....	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
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.

AUTOGRAPHS

