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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

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INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF
HUMAN SERVICE, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Twelfth of June, Two Thousand and Fifteen
Ten O'clock in the Morning*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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Prelude

*Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement.....Grand Marshal, Silvia M. Flores, M.D.
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*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?*

Welcoming and Introductions.....Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D.
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Opening Remarks George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address.....Nadine J. Kaslow, Ph.D., ABPP
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Presentation of Degree Candidates..... Ralph V. Rogers

Conferral of Degrees George L. Hanbury II

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Closing Remarks	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement	Grand Marshal, Silvia M. 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 Rejoissance</i>	Handel
	<i>From Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>

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Nadine J. Kaslow, Ph.D., is a professor with tenure, vice chair for faculty development, and director of postdoctoral fellowship training at Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She is also the chief psychologist at Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kaslow is board-certified in clinical psychology, clinical child and adolescent psychology, and couples and family psychology. She serves as a private practitioner through the Emory Clinic and as the psychologist for the Atlanta Ballet. In addition, she works at Grady Health System, an inner-city hospital serving economically disadvantaged and primarily minority populations. Kaslow learned about policy as a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Primary Care Public Policy Fellow.

Past-president (2014) of the American Psychological Association (APA), Kaslow serves on the APA's Board of Directors and is an APA fellow. In addition, she has served as past president of three APA divisions: Division 12 (Society of Clinical Psychology), Division 29 (Psychotherapy), and Division 43 (Society for Family Psychology). She has also been president of the American Board of Professional Psychology and American Board of Clinical Psychology. Kaslow serves as editor of the *Journal of Family Psychology*[®].

Receiving her doctorate at the University of Houston, Kaslow completed her internship and postdoctoral fellowship training at the University of Wisconsin. Prior to joining the faculty at Emory University in 1990, she was an assistant professor in the Departments of Psychiatry, Child Study Center, and Pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine.

Kaslow is a former chair and board member emeritus of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers and former chair of the Council of Chairs of Training Councils. For more than 20 years, she has been researching culturally competent assessment and treatment of suicidal behavior and family violence in African-Americans, with a focus on women, youth depression, family systems medicine, and education and training. Kaslow has more than 280 publications on the assessment and treatment of family violence (intimate partner violence, child maltreatment), assessment and treatment of depression and suicide in youth and adults, post-traumatic stress disorder and its treatment, couples and family therapy, women's mental health, pediatric psychology, and a competency-based approach to psychology education and supervision.

She has received a number of awards including APA's Heiser Award for legislative advocacy, APA's Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training Award, APA's Presidential Citation, Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers Outstanding Teacher Award, Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Training, the Dr. Rosalee Weiss Lecturer Award from the American Psychological Foundation, the Educator of the Year Award from Emory's department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award, the Grady Health Foundation Inspiring Mentor Award, and Emory University's Thomas Jefferson Award. In addition, Kaslow received a Karl F. Heiser Award for Distinguished Contributions in Advocacy in Psychology for her efforts working with members of Congress to include psychology in the Health Care Fairness Act.

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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.

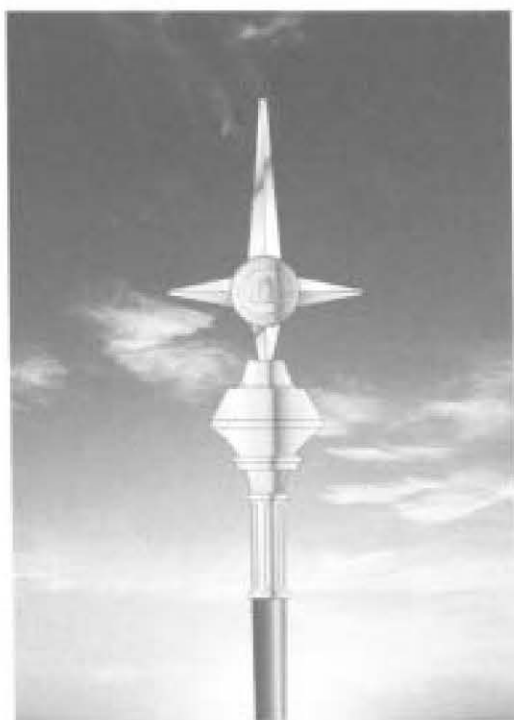
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Optometry	Sea Foam Green
Accountancy, Business	Drab	Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Education.....	Light Blue	Podiatry-Chiroprody	Nile Green
Engineering	Orange	Public Administration, Human Service, and Criminal Justice...	Peacock Blue
Fine Arts	Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Law	Purple	Science	Golden Yellow
Medicine	Green	Social Science.....	Cream
Music	Pink		
Nursing.....	Apricot		

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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