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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

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND  
INFORMATION SCIENCES

H. WAYNE HUIZENGA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER  
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Fifth of June, Two Thousand and Fifteen  
Four O'clock in the Afternoon*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

\*Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) ..... Walton

Convening the Commencement.....Grand Marshal, Silvia M. Flores, M.D.  
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Presiding Officer.....George L. Hanbury II, Ph.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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Conferral of Degrees ..... George L. Hanbury II

Closing Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II

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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

*La Rejouissance* ..... Handel  
*From Music for the Royal Fireworks*

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Manuel D. Medina, the founder and managing partner of Medina Capital, has more than 30 years of experience as a highly successful businessman with expertise in areas including technology, finance, international business, and government contracting.

Medina was the founder, chairman of the board, and chief executive officer of Terremark Worldwide, Inc., a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ until April, 2011, when Terremark was acquired by Verizon. Under Medina's leadership, Terremark distinguished itself as the leading global provider of managed IT infrastructure services for Fortune 500 enterprises and federal government agencies. At Terremark, Medina brought his vision to deliver a comprehensive set of best-of-breed IT infrastructure services from purpose-built, carrier-neutral data center facilities to fruition.

Medina began his career in 1974 as a CPA with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He founded Terremark in 1980 and undertook complex infrastructure projects throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia. Medina's vision transformed Terremark from a commercial real estate company into a global technology leader. His track record of successfully raising funds across the entire capital structure during periods of rapid change in the macroeconomic environment was vital to Terremark's successful growth. He raised more than \$1 billion for Terremark, expanded its industry-leading services globally, and stewarded it through the very difficult financial environments in 2000 and 2008 and to an ultimate sale to Verizon for an enterprise value of \$2 billion.

Medina has been recognized with accolades from many business and community organizations for his leadership and community service. He is a frequent speaker on topics ranging from technology trends to global business and entrepreneurship and has served as either a keynote speaker or panelist at large conferences and IT industry tradeshows. Medina's leadership in the IT industry and insightful analysis of market trends have resulted in appearances on CNBC, *Bloomberg TV*, and *Fox Business*, as well as interviews with internationally recognized media outlets on topics such as the rising adoption of cloud computing, cybersecurity, and the dynamics driving key government IT initiatives.

Medina received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Florida Atlantic University.

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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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## 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>
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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.

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