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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

2015 UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

OF THE

ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

H. WAYNE HUIZENGA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER  
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Eighth of May, Two Thousand and Fifteen  
Ten O'clock in the Morning*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMENCEMENT 2015

## 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 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 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.  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Opening Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II

Presentation of The James Farquhar Award ..... Brad Williams, Ed.D.  
*Vice President for Student Affairs  
and Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies*

Presentation of Outstanding Achievement Awards..... Brad Williams

Address on Behalf of the Graduates .....Jessica Kathryn Millar  
*Class of '15*

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Conferral of Honorary Degree .....	George L. Hanbury II
Doctorate of Pedagogy Awarded to Superintendent Robert W. Runcie	
Commencement Address .....	Robert W. Runcie, M.B.A. <i>Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools</i> <i>(Biographical sketch in back of program)</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates .....	Ralph V. Rogers
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

<i>La Rejouissance</i> .....	Handel <i>From Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>
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# OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

THE JAMES FARQUHAR AWARD  
Daniel Martinez

ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
Awards presented by Ron Chenail, Ph.D.

Alexandra Elizabeth Silvestri and Ashley Anderson-Wood  
*Teacher Education Programs*

COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES  
Award presented by Stanley H. Wilson, PT, Ed.D.

Maureen Lintner and Jose Vicente Morales  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Charlotte Nolan  
*General and Vascular Sonography*

COLLEGE OF NURSING  
Awards presented by Marcella Rutherford, Ph.D.

Taylor Anne Grace and Brandon R. Young  
*Entry-Level Nursing*

Rita Thapa and Lauren Lee London-Weaver  
*R.N. to B.S.N. Nursing*

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
Awards presented by Don Rosenblum, Ph.D.

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*Division of Humanities*

Anya Christiane Ellerbroek and Natalie N. Negron  
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*Division of Performing and Visual Arts*

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*Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences*



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Awards presented by J. Preston Jones, D.B.A.

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*Department of Undergraduate Programs*

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Awards presented by Kimberly Durham, Psy.D.

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		Bryanna M. Lynn	Parkland, Florida

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## DISTINGUISHED HONOREE

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**Robert W. Runcie, M.B.A.**  
**Superintendent, Broward County Public Schools**

As superintendent of Broward County Public Schools—the nation's sixth largest school district with more than 260,000 students in 315 schools and approximately 30,000 employees—Robert W. Runcie is committed to educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

Born in Jamaica, he moved to the United States as a young boy and became the first member of his family to attend college, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Harvard University and earning an M.B.A. from Northwestern University. He later founded a management and technology consulting company and held several strategic leadership positions with Chicago Public Schools.

Runcie proudly joined Broward County Public Schools in 2011. With the support of a dynamic school board, he developed a strategic plan for the district focusing on three key areas: high-quality instruction, continuous improvement, and more effective communication. Under his leadership, the district has increased its focus on ensuring students are college and career ready, and it has implemented operational efficiencies that have allowed the district to reinvest millions of dollars back into classrooms to support student learning.

With a commitment to collaborating with stakeholders and creating partnerships, Runcie has earned state and national recognition. These include being selected as Florida Virtual School Superintendent of the Year, Consortium of Florida Education Foundations Superintendent of the Year, Champion District Superintendent of the Year for Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools, the Florida Department of Education's District Data Leader of the Year Finalist, and a 2014 "Leader to Learn From" by *Education Week*.

Actively involved in the community, Runcie serves on the board of various local and national organizations. He credits the district's success to the support of the Broward County School Board and a talented leadership team that shares his philosophy that "the true price of leadership is the willingness to place the needs of others above your own."

## JAMES FARQUHAR AWARD



**Daniel Martinez**, a psychology major, is a local student from Miami. He has been the vice president of Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology from 2014 to present. He has also been a member of the Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society from 2013 to present and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society from 2012 to 2013. Martinez has held many leadership roles while attending Nova Southeastern University. He was the president of Helping Hands from 2011 to 2012, lead director of Laughter Yoga from 2012 to 2013, and acted as the codirector of the Leadership Class Organization in 2013. From 2011 to 2014, Martinez was a CPC senior teller for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. He was awarded President Barack Obama's Volunteer Service Award in 2012. And, in 2013, as part of his role with the Leadership Class Organization, he helped construct the Zen Oasis Park located in downtown Miami. That same year, he formed a new chapter of Laughter Yoga at the Wolfson Campus of the Honor's College of Miami-Dade College. Martinez has been accepted and will begin attending the Psy.D. program at Nova Southeastern University. He aspires to one day open a multifaceted clinic that offers mental health services, assisting with physiological needs and other aspects of client lives.

## STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**Jessica Kathryn Millar**, a biology major with minors in chemistry and psychology, is from Plantation. She has been an honors student for the past four years. From 2013 to present, Millar has been a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and since 2014 she has been a member of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. During the past three years, she has conducted research under the guidance of Maria Ballester, Ph.D. Millar presented her research at the 2013 Undergraduate Student Symposium as well as the 247th American Chemical Society National Meeting. Her findings have been presented at the 58th Annual Biophysical Meeting and published in the *Biophysical Journal*. In 2013, she was an intern at the Cleveland Clinic Florida as part of the Weber Summer Scholars Program. During her internship, she was able to explore the field of cardiothoracic surgery by observing operative procedures, clinic visits, hospital rounds, and ICU care. She was a member of Sigma Delta Tau from 2011–present,

a participant in the Undergraduate Student Government Association from 2013 to present, and the NSU Convocation Speaker for fall 2014. Every Friday night, she volunteers in the SICU and MICU at Cleveland Clinic Florida. While going to school, Millar worked as a peer tutor for the Office of Tutoring and Testing and has been a head lifeguard through NSU Aquatics. She is a competitive Irish dancer who has participated in several regional, national, and international competitions and performances that have earned her rank of 16th in 2012 and 35th in 2014 for the Southern U.S.A. region. She was ranked 75th at the 2013 North American Irish Dance Championship. Millar plans on beginning the University of Florida, College of Medicine, in fall of 2015.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

### ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



**Alexandra Elizabeth Silvestri**, a secondary math education major, is from Linwood, New Jersey. She participated in a teaching internship at McArthur High School in 2015 under the supervision of Sandra Trotman, Ph.D. She was a member of the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority from 2011 to 2015, where she acted as public relations chair in 2012, assistant director of recruitment in 2012, and director of recruitment from 2013 to 2014. She acted as a volunteer for the Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options, Feeding South Florida. While attending school, Silvestri worked as a supplemental instruction leader for math through the Tutoring and Testing Center, and she was a math tutor for student-athletes. She has been recognized on the Dean's List and the Panhellenic Council for her outstanding GPA. Her current plans are to remain in the area and teach high school, and she eventually would like to go back to school and earn a master's degree.



**Ashley Anderson-Wood**, an elementary education major, is from Snyder County, Pennsylvania. In 2015, she participated in a student teacher internship at Westwood Heights Elementary assisting third-graders. From 2014 to present, she worked with Sandra Trotman, Ph.D., preparing students for the Florida teacher certification exams. From 2012 to 2014 she worked closely with NSU's Rotaract community service club, promoting community outreach. She assisted in the feeding of the homeless in Broward County from 2012 to 2015. Anderson-Wood also volunteered for NSU community events including CommunityFest and Relay Races. She also assisted in educating children in local communities through after-school programs. From 2013 to present, she worked as a resident assistant, facilitating programs, promoting events, greeting students at the front desk, and coordinating resident interaction. During the summer of 2013, Anderson-Wood worked for the summer crew in Residential Life and Housing assisting with summer camps. She was a reading tutor for America Reads from 2012 to 2014, and in 2014, she received the NSU Experience Award for "Excellence in supporting our residents." She was on the Dean's List from 2012 to 2015. Anderson-Wood's future includes traveling and teaching abroad; however, she plans on teaching in Florida schools to gain experience in her field. She hopes to further her education in graduate school.



## COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

### RESPIRATORY THERAPY



**Maureen Lintner**, a respiratory therapy major, is from Miami. She is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society. She has always worked in her field. From 1988 to 1991, she worked for the Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. And, from 1991 to present, she has worked for the South Miami Hospital in Miami. Lintner's future plans include furthering her education, travel, and to make a difference in other lives.



**Jose Vicente Morales**, a respiratory therapy major, is from Miami. He is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society. Morales works with the South Miami Hospital, Air Medical Charters, and Miami-Dade College. He plans on furthering his education, hoping to earn his master's and Ph.D. degrees.

### GENERAL AND VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY



**Charlotte Nolan**, a general and vascular sonography major, is from Pitman, New Jersey. She has completed two clinical externships during the 2014–2015 academic year at Mercy Medical Center and Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. From 2013 to present, she has been a member of the Society for Vascular Ultrasound and the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Nolan has attended several conferences with those organizations including ones in Orlando, Miami, and Louisville. She was acting treasurer for the medical sonography program for the Student Government Association from 2013 to 2014 and its 2015 class treasurer. She has volunteered for many on-campus events including, CommunityFest, Multicultural Day, Ethics Bowl, Shark Shuffle, the College of Health Care Science Picnic, and was a panelist at New Student Orientation. She was on the Chancellor's List for 2014. Nolan hopes to further her education in health care management and plans on working in the ultrasound field while obtaining multiple registries.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING



**Taylor Anne Grace**, an entry-level nursing major, is from Fort Myers, Florida. She was recently inducted as a member in to the Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society. In 2015, she did an internship in a pediatric intensive care unit. She has been a member of the National Nurses Association for three years and recently joined the Florida Nurses Association. She volunteers at the Lee Memorial Health Care Systems. Grace has acted as a peer tutor at the Fort Myers Campus. She was a participant in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Relay for Life. She has also participated in local health fairs educating the community in her field. She has received the Chancellor's Award from 2013 to 2015. She plans on furthering her education, aiming for a Ph.D. in either pediatrics or women's health. She hopes to be employed in the future as a registered nurse.



**Brandon R. Young**, an entry-level nursing major, is from Fort Lauderdale. He is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of nursing. He participated in the 2014 Poster Presentation for the American Public Health Association Conference, presenting on Emergency Management and Homeless Services Providers: The Need for Cross-Sector Collaboration. Young has participated as a volunteer for NSU's A Day for Children's Health Fair in 2013 and 2014. He has also participated in the Jack and Jill Children's Center Playground Build in 2014 and the Martin Luther King Service Day Garden Project in 2015 for the Jack and Jill's Children's Center. While attending school from 2013 to present, Young worked as an administrative assistant for the Office of Education, Planning, and Research. He placed third in NSU's eighth Annual Ethics Bowl, hosted by the College of Health Care Sciences. In 2015, he was a Memorial Healthcare System Scholarship recipient. Young was recognized as the College of Nursing

Student of the Year in 2015 at the 16th annual Student Life Achievement Awards. His next steps include passing his national boards and to begin working with the Memorial Healthcare System. After working for a few years, Young hopes to pursue his Ph.D.



**Rita Thapa**, an R.N. to B.S.N. nursing major, is from Kathmandu, Nepal. She appreciates the support of the entire nursing faculty and her academic advisor, Denise Howard, D.N.P., for their encouragement throughout the program and for believing in her. While attending school, Thapa worked full time in the ICU of Westside Regional Medical Center in Plantation. She plans on taking some time off from school to spend time with her 18-month-old son, and then begin working on her master's degree in nursing.



**Lauren Lee London-Weaver**, an R.N. to B.S.N. nursing major, is from Hollywood, Florida. She was on the Chancellor's List for five semesters. London-Weaver began her career 25 years ago as a single mother, she worked as an R.N. with Memorial Regional Hospital. After two years in the Cancer Center, she transitioned into case management and later into quality and patient safety, where she has been for the past 20 years. Her passion for community health earned her the title director of Quality and Patient Safety for South Broward Community Health Services. While in that position, she was instrumental in securing multisite NCQA recognition for all SBCHS clinics. It was while working that London-Weaver realized the importance of furthering her education and decided to enroll at NSU. She is especially appreciative of the mentorship and support of Denise Howard, Ph.D.

## FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### DIVISION OF HUMANITIES



**Melissa Lynn Villalobos**, an English major with a minor in gender studies, is from Pembroke Pines. She was a member of the Honors Program and will be graduating with an honors citation. She credits Kathleen Waites, Ph.D.; Suzanne Ferris, Ph.D.; and Lynn Wolf, Ph.D., in sparking her interest in women's literature, influencing her decision to minor in gender studies. She plans on continuing to research women's relationship with writing. Villalobos was a member of Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society from 2014 to present. She was also a member of Sigma Tau Delta from 2013 to present and served as the president for fall of 2014. In addition, she was also a member of Alpha Chi from 2012 to present, a member of the Academic Integrity Committee from 2013 to 2014, and a member of the American Association of University Women in 2014. With the help of Waites, Villalobos was awarded runner-up in NSU's Undergraduate Symposium. In 2015, with the sponsorship of Ferris, Villalobos presented a paper on Perceptions of

Power at Sigma Tau Delta's International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She has volunteered in the Broward County Public Schools and libraries. She has worked part time, while attending NSU, for J.P. Mulligan's Restaurant and Pub and for the Starbucks Coffee Company. Villalobos was provided the AAUW Award for research in gender studies in 2013 and in 2011 received a Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation Scholarship. In the fall, she plans on continuing her studies in literature at Florida Atlantic University, hoping to complete a future Ph.D. program to further her career as a literature professor.



**Linea Lee Cutter**, a double major in political science and history, is from Coral Springs. She was an honors student who enjoyed taking honors classes with a small class size allowing for great interaction with her fellow students and faculty members. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Honors Society from 2013 to present; she also served as an induction officer in fall of 2014. Under the guidance of G. Nelson Bass III, J.D., Ph.D., she participated in five model United Nations Conferences with the Nova International Relations Association. Through that participation, the NSU's Model United Nations team won several first place committee awards and an honorable mention. Cutter has had several short stories published in NSU's literary magazine, *Digressions*, including "Silent Snow," "Harvest Festival," and "Starry Mask." She was part of the travel study class entitled, *Genocide in the 20th Century and Beyond*, where she was able to travel to Poland, Serbia, and Bosnia. Linea was part of the NSU's Women's Swimming team from fall of 2011 to winter of 2013. She was editor for the literary magazine

from 2013–present. She has also served as the secretary (2012–2014) and president (2014–present) for the N.I.R.A.—NSU's Model United Nations Team. She serves as a children's education teacher at New Dawn Community Church and acted as lead drummer for the church. Cutter has received many awards since beginning with NSU, including the NSU 4.0 Student-Athlete Award, fall of 2012; first place award for short fiction in 2014 and 2015; and has been on the Dean's List from fall 2011 to present. She plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in political science, with a focus on international relations. Her motivations to do more research and pursue her Ph.D. is due to the passion she saw in her professors, her study abroad experience, and her participations with the NSU's Model United Nations team.

## DIVISION OF MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY



**Anya Christiane Ellerbroek**, an exercise science and sports major, is from Hamburg, Germany. In 2008, she was granted a lifetime membership in the Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society. In 2015, she held an NSU mentoring position for the same honor society. In the fall of 2013, under the guidance of Monique Mokha, Ph.D., she did Independent Research: Functional Movement Screen with NSU athletes—Sports Biomechanics research. In 2014, she received a Certificate of Participation at the Undergraduate Student Symposium. In winter of 2014, with the guidance of Jose Antonio, Ph.D., she did an Independent Study of the Effects of Consuming a High Protein Diet on Body Composition in Resistance Trained Individuals and was published in the *Journal of the International Society of Sports Nutrition*. She presented at the 11th Annual International Society of Sport and Nutrition in Clearwater, Florida, in 2014, and was an NSU Shark Shuffle volunteer. Ellerbroek has worked part time as a yoga instructor, and she

has been on the Dean's List from 2011–2014. She was also the first prize winner at the 2014 Undergraduate Student Symposium for her oral presentation: Report of Improving Running Biomechanics through Movement Pattern Training in a Female Competitive Runner. She is currently applying to both NSU and the University of Miami to pursue her master's degree in public health. One of Ellerbroek's goals is to create and apply nutrition and sports programs for communities in need of these types of programs.



**Natalie N. Negron**, a biology major, is from Miramar. She was part of the Dual Admissions Program for Osteopathic Medicine. She has been a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program since 2011 and acted as an advocate since 2013. She recently completed a dual-divisions honors thesis project: Investigating African ancestry in Puerto Rican individuals via testing of mitochondrial and autosomal DNA to generate a personal phylogenetic family tree under the guidance of Emily Schmitt Lavin, Ph.D., and James Doan, Ph.D. From 2012 to present, Negron has been a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society, Tau Sigma National Honor Society, and Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society. She recently attended the Beta Beta Beta regional conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in 2014 gave an oral presentation in Erie, Pennsylvania. Negron has participated in several internships including the International Human Cadaver Prosection Program at Indiana University in Gary, Indiana; the Summer Scholar Program at Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida; and the Biology Student

Summer Internship Program at the Medical University of Graz in Graz, Austria. She participated in a study abroad program with the guidance of Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., where she visited Poland, Serbia, Bosnia, and Hungary in 2014. She is a member of several clubs and organizations on campus including President's 64, Academic Integrity Committee, Chemistry Club, Neuroscience Club, and the Pre-Medical Society. Negron continues to be a volunteer for many organizations serving the community at large. One day she would like to open up a free clinic for underserved local communities and work with Doctors Without Borders.

## DIVISION OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS



**Stephanie Cristina Johnston**, an art major with a concentration in graphic design and a minor in marketing, is from Caracas, Venezuela. She is a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society. She interned with artist Nino Liguori in the winter of 2015, helping the artist create a brand and identity allowing him to sell his first book containing images and information about his work. In 2014, Johnston participated in a study abroad program in Barcelona, Spain. She attended Pompeu Fabra University and took courses in art, European history, international marketing, international business, and cultural studies. For several years, she was the head leader of a middle school youth group at St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church in Weston, planning retreats to help develop the children's personal growth and creating an environment of love, friendship, honesty, and respect based on the Catholic traditions.

For the fall of 2013, she was employed in Nova Southeastern University's Administration Services and Marketing Department as a graphic designer. She is currently employed as the head designer at Sectis Design in Miami. Johnston was the winner of the *Digressions: A Literary Magazine* cover design competition in 2013 and her painting, titled *Army Men vs. Still Life*, won the Faculty Choice Award for Art in the 2015 Undergraduate Student Symposium, 2015. She was on the Dean's List for five semesters while attending NSU. Johnston would like to pursue a graduate degree in design management and plans on continuing to develop her skills and gain exposure in her current employment with Sectis Design.



**Amanda Yam Foeng Choi**, an art major with a minor in entrepreneurship, is from Paramaribo, Suriname. In 2014, she was the vice president of the Society of Anime Gaming and Entertainment organization. While attending school Choi worked as a marketing assistant for the Alvin Sherman Library. She received several scholarships including the Farquhar Performing Visual Arts Grant, William Krueger Scholarship, and the Signs Now Broward Scholarship. She plans on traveling around the world with her friends and to continue online classes to become an animator.

#### DIVISION OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES



**Anna Claire Wysocki**, a psychology major with a minor in behavioral neuroscience, is from Curitiba, Brazil. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa from 2011 to present and held the scholarship chair with the Order of Omega from 2014 to present. Since her sophomore year, she has been involved in research investigating the biological basis of behavior under the supervision of Valerie Starratt, Ph.D., specifically investigating mating and selection strategies. Wysocki served as the vice president of the Psychology Club from 2012 to 2015 and served as both the alumnae chair and vice president for Phi Sigma Sigma from 2012 to present. She was both an iPeer leader and orientation leader for fall of 2013. She also served as vice president of the Neuroscience Club from 2013 to 2015. She volunteered as a math and reading tutor at Davie Elementary School from 2011 to 2014. Wysocki was a faculty assistant at the Shepard Broad Law Center, and was on the President's List from 2011 to 2012 and the Dean's List from 2012 to 2015.

She was named the Student Leader of the Month in March 2014. She plans on pursuing a master's degree in evolutionary psychology at Oakland University in fall of 2015.



**Melanie Elizabeth Milo**, a psychology major, is from Boca Raton. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Honors Society from 2013 to 2014. She is currently working on an academic study with Jason Piccone, Ph.D., on Potential Mate Evaluations and hopes to be published by the end of the summer. From 2012 to 2014, she volunteered at an addiction treatment center called Beachway Therapy in Delray Beach. While attending school, she worked as an assistant to a senior clinical research associate. Milo has been on the Dean's List every semester. She is currently working as a clinical research associate and is in the process of applying to graduate schools. Milo also has plans to travel to Europe, Cancun, and California.

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**Alexandria Ann Tucci**, a double major in business administration and finance, is from Jacksonville, Florida. She has been a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society from 2012 to 2015 and served as vice president (2013–2014) and president (2014–2015). She has been a member of the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society from 2012 to 2015 and the Alpha Chi National Honor Society from 2012 to 2015. She was part of the NSU swimming team from 2011 to 2012, Razor's Edge Leadership Program from 2011 to 2015, Relay for Life of NSU from 2012 to 2015, Entrepreneur's Council from 2012 to 2015, and served on the Ambassador's Board from 2013 to 2015. Tucci volunteered for the Humane Society of Broward County (2014–2015) and acted as the Razor's Edge Service coordinator from 2012 to 2014. She worked for Merrill Lynch as a financial intern in 2013, CRAE Investment Management Group in 2013, and for the UBS Financial Services acting as a wealth management

intern in 2014. In June, she plans on beginning work for Vanguard as a client relationship specialist in their flagship department.



**Paola Alejandra Barrera**, a double major in accounting and finance with a minor in sales, is from Cali, Colombia. As a recipient of the Pathway Scholarship, she has worked closely with her mentor Katherine Eggleston, B.S. As part of her scholarship, she had the opportunity to tour the headquarters of several Florida companies, including Florida Power & Light, AutoNation, Univision and Fusion, and Yellow Cab Taxi. Barrera is currently a member of Alpha Chi, Delta Epsilon Iota and Tau Sigma honor societies. In 2014, she interned at Florida Power & Light and at the end of her internship, she was offered a full-time position within the company because of her outstanding performance in her internship. In the summer of 2013, she attended the Alpha Kappa Psi leadership convention in New Orleans. Barrera became a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and held the treasurer and fund-raising chairperson positions within the organization. She is also a member of the Accounting Club and

the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting. She has served as a volunteer with the Take Stock in Children mentor program, St. Andrew Catholic Church, Park Summit, Northwest Regional Library, and the Power to Care program at Florida Power & Light. While attending school, Barrera has worked as an accounting assistant at All Business Solutions since May of 2012. She received her VITA, Voluntary Income Tax Assistance, certificate and completed her double major in three years. She has been on the Dean's List every semester. She plans on earning her Master's in Accounting and obtaining her CPA. Barrera eventually wants to operate a Fortune 500 company and plans on giving back to the community when she becomes successful by setting up foundations to financially support others.

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



**Angel Imani Anderson**, a human services administration major, is from Port of Spain, Trinidad. She interned at the Mailman Segal Center from 2014 to present in two programs: the Starting Right Early Intervention Program and the Social Skills Group under the supervision of Jennifer Ries, Ph.D. She also interned at the Concer's Learning Center in 2014 where she was a preschool teacher's assistant. She is currently a volunteer for Musical International, providing musical instruments and training for people in the United States and outside who lack the resources. She has also volunteered at Pets In Distress Inc. from 2010 to 2014. From 2013 to present she volunteered for Friendship Circle, helping with social skills programs and events for teens, young adults, and adults with various forms of autism. Anderson has worked at Cheri's Closet Boutique as an operations manager while attending school. She was on the Dean's List in fall of 2014. She hopes to pursue a Master's in Developmental Disabilities and would love

a future career in a foster care-related organization that caters to children with developmental disabilities. One of Anderson's future goals is to establish a nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding disabled youth by providing them with music, art, and natural nourishment.



**Carol Willis Cohen**, a human services administration major, is from Portsmouth, Virginia. She is a member of the Alpha Chi and Delta Epsilon Iota honors societies. In 2013, she interned at the Jewish Home Lifecare in New York; she also interned at the Mandel JCC in Palm Beach Gardens in 2014. She served as secretary/treasurer for the board of directors for Morse Health Center. Cohen is a trustee for the Jewish Women's Foundation in Palm Beach County, and she also volunteers and serves as vice-chair on the Adult Continuing Education Committee for the Mandel JCC in Palm Beach Gardens. She is a full-time philanthropist and volunteer in the field of human services and plans to continue her service to these communities.



## FACULTY MARSHALS

In the academic procession at baccalaureate commencement, degree candidates from the colleges are accompanied by faculty marshals chosen from among the full-time faculty members within those colleges. The word "marshal" derives from the Old High German words *marah*, meaning "horse" and *schalh*, meaning "servant," and originally meant "stable keeper." As marshals became trustworthy members of medieval courts, however, the title took on the designation of an honor and many became hereditary. In modern pageantry, marshals (often of the "Grand" variety) lead parades. In American universities, marshals lead processions or accompany parts of them, as is the case at Nova Southeastern University. The marshal of the academic procession, ordinarily a member of the NSU Board of Trustees, leads all parties to the commencement, bearing the university mace.

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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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David Tyree *for announcing the candidates*

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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.

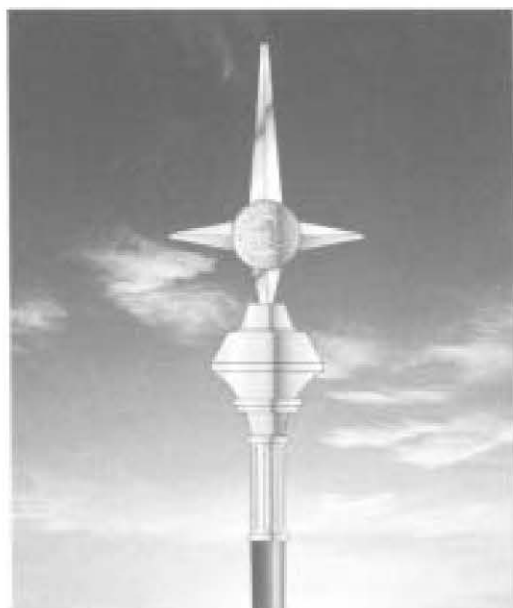
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MUSIC.....	<i>Pink</i>		
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## MACE

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

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