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B.S., Emory University
- Darrell Frederick Weatherly, Jacksonville
B.S., Jacksonville University
- Richard Brian Weisberg, Miami
B.S., Tulane University
- Lisa Ann White, Rittman, OH
B.A., Hiram College
- Timothy Brandon Williams, Plantation
A.A., Manatee Community College
B.A., University of South Florida
M.A., University of Central Florida
- Suzan E. Zimmer, Ft. Lauderdale
B.A., Florida Atlantic University

OPTOMETRIC OATH

I hereby solemnly swear by all I hold most sacred:
That I will keep the visual welfare of my patient uppermost at all times;
That I will retain in confidence any information imparted to me in my professional duties;
That I will seek the consultation of others and refer my patients
to the care of others when such is advisable;
That I will enhance continuously my educational and technical proficiency to the end that my patient shall
receive the benefits of all acknowledged improvements in visual care;
That I will maintain my office and practice in keeping with high professional standards;
That I will promote and maintain cordial and unselfish relationships with members of my own
profession and of other professions for the exchange of information and to the advantage of mankind;
That I will conduct myself as an exemplary citizen.
These things I do swear, so help me God.

PHARMACIST'S OATH

At this time, I vow to devote my professional life to the service of mankind through the profession of pharmacy.
I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.
I will use my knowledge and skills to the best of my ability in serving the public and other health professionals.
I will do my best to keep abreast of developments and maintain professional
competency in my profession of pharmacy.
I will obey the laws governing the practice of pharmacy and will support enforcement of such laws.
I will maintain the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.
I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the confidence
and responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.
I will be mindful of my responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patient,
to perform faithfully my professional duties.
I will be vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community.
I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive co-operation.
I will look with respect and esteem upon those who have taught me my art.
I will be loyal to my college and strive always for its best interests and
for the interests of the students who will come after me.
I will be alert to further the application of basic biological truths
and to develop the principles of Osteopathic Medicine.
In the presence of this gathering, I bind myself to my oath.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



STEPHEN FELDMAN, Ph.D.

On July 1, 1992, Stephen Feldman became the third President of Nova University. Prior to joining Nova, he served as President of Western Connecticut State University for eleven years and as Dean of the Ansell School of Business at Western Connecticut for four years before that. He also served as Chairman of the Department of Banking, Finance & Investment at Hofstra University.

He co-authored *Smarter Money* and the *Handbook of Wealth Management*, and has written numerous articles on investments and financial planning. Dr. Feldman has lectured extensively on his specialty fields at professional association meetings, on radio and television and in the IBM and N.Y. Telephone Management Programs.

Dr. Feldman has served on the Board of Directors of Ethan Allen Corporation; Kane Industries, Inc.; Science Horizons, Inc.; Danbury Hospital; the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce; and the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a long standing tradition which originated in medieval universities in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Attired in cap, hood, and gown, the faculty would present itself and its students to the local community for inspection.

The gown was originally thought to be worn for warmth, and to denote authority and privilege. Today, black is the color of the gown for all degrees, although variations represent the difference in the level of the degree.

The medieval hood was worn as a protection from the elements, or used as a satchel to carry scrolls and books. The modern hood worn today is lined with satin in the colors of the institution conferring the degree (Southeastern University colors are blue and gray). In addition, the hood is trimmed with various colors of velvet facing, each color representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted. Green has been selected as the appropriate color for medicine, seafoam green for optometry and olive green for pharmacy-the colors of life and growth.

The academic cap, at one time worn by freed Roman slaves, signifies the wearer's right to academic freedom, attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer, and the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

