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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 SUCH SHOULD BE DULY
NOTED AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED. ■ MAY ALL YOUR
DREAMS AND WISHES BRING FORTH A PROSPEROUS
FUTURE. ■ CONGRATULATIONS!

WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University extends a cordial welcome to each person attending the Twenty-sixth Annual Commencement Exercises.

SUNRISE MUSICAL THEATRE
City of Sunrise, Florida

*Sunday, the Seventh of May
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-five
Two O'clock in the Afternoon*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal

Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree

Members of the Faculty

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Commencement 1995
Undergraduate Programs
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement Marshall B. Lytle II
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America, the Beautiful Bates/Ward

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control
Thy liberty in law!*

Opening Remarks Ovid C. Lewis

Student Speaker's Address Rebecca Stevens
Class of '95, Behavioral Sciences

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International Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Management
Outstanding Graduate Award Donal A. Dermody
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Awarded to Soren Berg

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Conferring of Honorary Degree
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Recessional
Epic March Ireland

*The blue and green honor cords are being worn by members
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The call to service stands at the pinnacle of the Judaeo-Christian moral tradition in Western society. The Hebrew thirst for justice, coupled with the Christian value of love for the stranger, evolved into modern concepts of individual rights and liberties guaranteed by government as well as an appreciation of fundamental human rights, which we all share as members of a single species. The ability to see past one's immediate needs and interest—to look beyond the comforts of family and the safety of one's tribe—to the stranger, the outcast, the persecuted, has long stood as a yardstick to measure moral integrity and heroic action. In an age when the question of responsibility for one's fellow human beings has thrust itself once again onto the national agenda, we do well to remind ourselves that the torture, persecution, imprisonment, and murder of those who have done nothing but conscientiously disagree continues throughout the world on a daily basis. In such a world, the moral responsibility of educational institutions to enlighten remains vital, for, as the philosopher Voltaire once remarked, "those who can get us to believe absurdities can get us to perform atrocities."

Amnesty International is the world's leading grass-roots human rights organization, working tirelessly for the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners of conscience, that is, those jailed activists who have neither used nor advocated violence. A worldwide organization of over one million members, Amnesty International works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and for the abolition of torture and the death penalty in all cases, without reservation. Amnesty International's "Urgent Action" program, the organization's rapid response arm, is made up of sixty Urgent Action offices throughout the world that publish and distribute literature reporting more than nine hundred actions a year concerning political detainees, disappearances, death threats, and executions. Through Urgent Actions, Amnesty International both details the plight of the victims and recommends steps to ensure prompt resolution. For these and other such efforts, Amnesty International received the Nobel Prize for Peace, marking the only time an organization has been so honored.

As Executive Director of Amnesty International USA, William Schulz continues to respond with characteristic enthusiasm, vigor, and dedication to the call of service, which he first heard in his youth through the voice of the Unitarian Church. A graduate of Oberlin College, he holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and a doctorate from the same University's Meadville Lombard Theological School. Before holding his present position, he was the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, leading that organization's involvement in human rights activism in El Salvador, India, Romania, and South Africa. An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Dr. Schulz has organized and participated in on-site missions on a range of issues, including persecution of religious and ethnic minorities and the plight of bonded laborers. William Schulz has been a tireless campaigner for human rights, particularly for religious freedom and the abolition of the death penalty. He continues to campaign against racism in all of its varied forms, and his columns and opinions have been published widely.

In recognition of the unwavering efforts of Amnesty International and of his heroic personal efforts, the Trustees of Nova Southeastern University are honored to confer the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, on

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The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages, when they were common dress for scholars. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty twelfth-century castles and halls of learning.

The Bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The Master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long, square sleeves, closed at the end and slit near the elbow to permit the forearms to come through. The Doctor's gown, which also may be worn open, is trimmed with velvet panels down the front, with three velvet bars on its bell-shaped sleeves. The hood is the key to the costume. With a tassel of the same material as the gown, it is lined in silk with a color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The length of the hood indicates the degree: four feet for the Doctor, three-and-a-half feet for the Master, and three feet for the Bachelor. The hood is sometimes omitted on the Bachelor's gown. The width of the velvet border also indicates a degree. The widest border belongs to the Doctor's gown.

The color of the hood's border indicates the field of learning. The Doctor's hood may bear a single chevron on the lining. The Bachelor's hood has two narrow chevrons, while the Master's hood may have a single chevron or be divided equally in two colors.

The various fields of learning are indicated by color as follows: arts, letters, humanities--white; commerce and accountancy--drab; economics--copper; education or pedagogy--light blue; engineering--orange; fine arts, including architecture--brown; law--purple; library science--lemon; medicine--green; philosophy--dark blue; science--golden yellow.

During the processional, candidates for the Bachelor's Degree wear the tassels on their mortarboard hats on their right. Upon receiving their diplomas, they move the tassels to the left.

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