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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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### FLORIDA GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES

Lawton Chiles was born in Lakeland, Florida, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1952 and a law degree from UF in 1955. Four years later he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, where he served until his 1967 election to the state Senate. He became known as "Walkin' Lawton" in 1970 after he walked 1,003 miles across the state while running for the U.S. Senate, where he served until 1989.

Since his election as governor in 1990, he has set the drumbeat in Florida's march toward a more efficient and more productive state government by curtailing the influence of special interests and working to restore the people's faith in government. By helping communities to implement solutions at the local level, he is dismantling the old top-down approach to governing.

His 18 years of experience in the U.S. Senate taught Chiles the importance and cost efficiency of tackling problems before they arise, and he has made prevention a cornerstone of his agenda. In fact, Chiles, who is Chairman of the National Commission to Prevent Infant Mortality, made Florida the first state in the nation to begin screening every pregnant woman and every newborn for factors that could adversely affect the child's healthy development. His interim Florida Health Plan, unveiled in January, 1993, will ensure access to health care coverage to every Floridian by the close of the century.

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

As a physician assistant, I pledge my honor and conscience in the art of medicine.

I recognize the responsibility placed upon me for the health and the very lives of others,  
and will always hold their care and well being as the paramount consideration.

I will seek always to understand fully my own personal capabilities  
and be guided in my management of the sick and injured by that self-knowledge.

I recognize my responsibilities to impart to others who seek the profession of medicine  
such knowledge of its art and practice as I possess,  
and I resolve to continue to improve my capability to this purpose.

While I keep this oath inviolate,  
may it be granted to me to enjoy life and my art,  
forever honored by all people.

## OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously,  
and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action  
the highest standards, ethics, and ideals of my chosen profession,  
and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services,  
with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain  
and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable  
all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly  
of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills  
so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals  
for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind,  
as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast of this,  
my solemn oath and obligation.



## 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 all 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 biologic truths  
and to develop the principles of Osteopathic Medicine.

In the presence of this gathering, I bind myself to my Oath.

## 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 (Nova 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.

