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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 this 25th Annual Law Center Commencement, part of the 32nd annual commencement exercises of the university. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of the degree candidates and to extend to them the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university's students, faculty, staff, and supporters.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CENTER

2555 Northwest 137th Way

Sunrise, Florida

Sunday, the Sixth of May

Two Thousand and One

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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Board of Governors
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Distinguished Guests
Commencement Officials
Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree

JURIS DOCTOR

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grade point average after completion of the fall
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College of Law

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2001 Graduation Honors

Achievement Awards

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship <i>Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of matrimonial and family law</i>	Elisha D. Roy
American Bankruptcy Institute Scholarship <i>Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of bankruptcy law</i>	Alan Lloyd Sandler
Florida Bar City, County, and Local Government Section Scholarship <i>Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of city, county, and local government law</i>	Michael James Van Buren
Florida Bar Labor and Employment Law Scholarship <i>Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of labor and employment law</i>	Steven Glenn Lambersky
Florida Bar Tax Section Scholarship <i>Awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic abilities in the area of tax law</i>	Katherine Suzanne Straub
Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Award <i>Awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional ability, interest and dedication in the defense of those accused of crimes</i>	Kelly Aaron Blum
Krupnick & Campbell Award <i>Awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in the area of trial advocacy</i>	Josh Michael Berlin Christopher G. Persad
The National Association of Women Lawyers Award <i>Awarded to a student who has exhibited academic achievement and a potential to contribute to the advancement of women in society</i>	Diana Verga-Castrillon
West Publishing Company Award <i>Awarded to the students who have made the most significant contributions to overall legal scholarship</i>	Margaret Susan Arneson Amy Bloom Steven J. Romanello Alan Lloyd Sandler

University Award

Nova Southeastern University Distinguished Student Achievement Award <i>Awarded to a law student demonstrating outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to the Law Center community</i>	Amy Bloom
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Advocacy Honors

Order of the Barrister

Awarded to students displaying excellence in advocacy while participating in intramural and interscholastic trial or moot court competitions

Josh Michael Berlin
Yael Chakchakov
Bonita Herrmann-Navin
Kevin Anthony McNeill
Christopher G. Persad

Judd Berenson Shaw
Michael David Schutt
Charles E. Taylor, Jr.
Christine Zieba

Moot Court Society

Students are chosen to become members based upon their skills in appellate advocacy – Distinguished by purple/silver tassels on mortarboard

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Jason J. Matthes

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Elizabeth Ricci
Lisa Franklin Santos
Judd Berenson Shaw
Michael Terrell
Matthew N. Thibaut
Adam Weisholtz

Moot Court Competition Winners

Freshman Moot Court Competition	1998-1999	Josh Michael Berlin Rachel Wendy Friedland Kevin Anthony McNeill
Feinrider Competition	1999-2000	Simeon D. Brier
Florida Bar Competition	2000-2001	Yael Chakchakov Kevin Anthony McNeill

American Trial Lawyers Association

Organization members advance student's trial advocacy, client counseling, and negotiation skills

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Judd Berenson Shaw

Public Service and Bar Fellowships

Public Service Summer Fellowships

Students selected based on work with public service organizations

Joseph Michael Eckelkamp

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Ivelices Linares

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Feinrider Scholarship Fund

Students selected based on service to a human rights organization

Adelaida Ana Albareda

Barry Dean Goodman

Cecilia Carolina Maluje

Marilyn Sanchez-Osorio

National Association for Public Interest Law Fellowships

Students selected based on service to the public interest law community

Ashish Gaurav Airan

Philip Patrick Keating

Allison J. Oasis

Russell Martin Robbins

Alnn Seagrave

Adam Weisholz

Christine Zieba

Florida Bar Foundation Mediation Public Service Fellows

These students have mediated juvenile diversionary, restitution and employment discrimination cases following special mediation training. They have provided a minimum of 100 hours of mediation and technical legal assistance to promote the mediation process and assist the court, parties, families, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Postal Service.

Nicole Benjamin
Gabrielle Christina Bozza
Chris Daren Connally

Natalie Elaine Oce
Elaine Danae Papas

Florida Bar Foundation Disability Public Service Fellows

These students have provided technical legal assistance to public interest and pro bono attorneys handling disability and children's rights cases. They have completed a disability law course and provided a minimum of 240 hours of technical legal assistance to Florida lawyers.

Stephen Neal Andre Cameron
Ivan John Kopas
Deena Marie Tanning

Pro Bono Honor Program

Students honored for working pro bono at public service agencies while enrolled at the Law Center. Distinguished by gold cards on academic robe.

Bronze (50-124 hours)

Adelaida Ana Albareda
Marjorie Napoleon Altidor
Michelle Boutros
Tara Ann Bowman
Deena Beth Burgess
Nathan Seidner Burgess
Danielle K. Conn Rosenberg
Bonita Herrmann-Navin
Andrea Lynn Johnson
Robert Justin Lieberman
Michael Denham Logan
Cecilia Carolina Maluje
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Russell Martin Robbins
Michelle L. Sides
Gary M. Singer
W. Grey Tesh
Madeleine Torres-Rivera
Gerold Eric Van der Vlugt
Johnny Williams, Jr.

Silver (125-300 hours)

Jamie Alvarez
Oral Luke Beason
Michele Rose Beermann
Chris Daren Connally
Richard Joseph Davis, III
Derek L. Filcoff
Kimberly Yasmin Ganatra
Andrew F. Garofalo
Mario Alexander Gomez
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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 the degree. The widest border belongs to the doctor's gown.

The color of the hood's border indicates the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The doctor's hood may bear a single chevron on the lining. Two narrow chevrons indicate a bachelor, 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.

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