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Address	Florence A. Clark, Ph.D., O.T.R., F.A.O.T.A. <i>Chair and Professor</i> <i>Occupational Therapy</i> <i>University of Southern California</i>

Presentation of the Class

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Doctor of Occupational Therapy

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Florence Clark, Ph.D., O.T.R., F.A.O.T.A.

Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Florence Clark has dedicated herself to her chosen profession by making vital contributions as an occupational therapy educator, consultant, and researcher.

As Professor and Department Chair of the Occupational Therapy Program at the University of Southern California, Dr. Clark is a noted scholar who draws from years of experience and knowledge to educate future generations of occupational therapists and occupational scientists.

Widely published in the field of occupational therapy, Dr. Clark's area of special interest centers around the development and dysfunction of sensory integration in children; maternal role behavior; the acquisition of independent living skills among adolescents with disabilities, and health promotion of the elderly. She is also the co-editor of *Occupational Science — the Evolving Discipline*, and co-author of *Lifestyle Redesign: Implementing the Well Elderly study*.

In 1998, Dr. Clark was appointed to the Academy of Research of the American Occupational Therapy Association as a charter member. Over the years, she has also served as a special consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General, and has been an Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecturer, the highest academic honor of the A.O.T.A.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a longstanding 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. Slate blue color has been designated to represent the occupational therapy degree and royal blue to represent the philosophy degree.

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

