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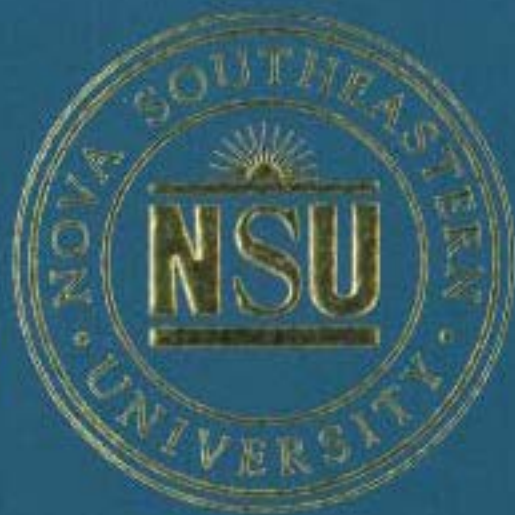
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*Sunday, May 26, 2002
National Car Rental Center
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*Academic Processional:

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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!

Welcome *Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D.
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Greetings *Morton Terry, D.O.
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Presentation of Candidate for Honorary Degree *Mr. Lippman*

Conferral of Honorary Degree *President Ferrero*

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James W. Horne
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After appointing James "Jim" Horne as the state's first Secretary of Education in June 2001, Governor Jeb Bush announced that a new chapter in the history of education in Florida was about to open. As the new Secretary of Education, Jim Horne would be responsible for bringing Florida's educational system into the 21st century by overseeing the transition from a segmented series of delivery systems to "the first seamless K-20 system in the country."

Throughout his career, Secretary Horne has unselfishly dedicated himself to the cause of Public Education. In 1994, he was elected to the State Senate for District Six. During his seven-year senate career, he sponsored legislation addressing performance based budgeting for community colleges, public school safety, best financial management practices in education, and the professional teacher development academies. He was also a co-sponsor of the Governor's A+ Plan for Education and of the Education Governance Reorganization bill. In his new position as secretary of education, Jim Horne has set some lofty goals, including improving student achievement, increasing accessibility to higher education, and expanding workforce development. A Jacksonville native, Secretary Horne resides in Orange Park with his wife and four children.

DENTAL MEDICINE OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

*I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve
the health of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect,
and to perform faithfully my professional duties.*

*I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community,
sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices
which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.*

*I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues
in a spirit of progressive cooperation,*

*And I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my
art. To my college I will be loyal and strive for its best interests
and for the interest of the students who will come after me.*

*I will ever be alert to further the application of basic biological truths,
and technical advances in my chosen profession, Dental Medicine.*

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 can 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 humankind through the profession of pharmacy.

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal drug therapy outcomes for the patients I serve.

I will keep abreast of developments and maintain professional competency in my profession of pharmacy.

I will maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate change in the profession of pharmacy that improves patient care.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the 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 always of my great responsibility
to preserve the health and the life of my patients,
to retain their confidence and respect both
as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets
with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully
my professional duties, to employ only those recognized
methods of treatment consistent with good judgement and
with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws
and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.*

*I will be ever vigilant in aiding
in the general welfare of the community,
sustaining its laws and institutions,
not engaging in those practices which will in any way
bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.
I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person,
though it will be asked of me.*

*I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit
of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast
imputations upon them or their rightful practices.*

*I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught
me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive for its best
interests and for the interest of the students who will
come after me. I will ever be alert to further the application
of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop
the principles of osteopathy which were first
enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.*

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a longstanding tradition which originated in medieval university 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. Salmon color has been designated to represent the public health degree and lilac represents dental medicine. 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 and attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer and the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

During the Middle Ages, the mace was displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, ceremonies, and university classes. The mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century, into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually, in the 15th century, it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

Graduates who as students have been recognized for academic achievement by an honor society are wearing honor cords. The cords are worn by members of Psi Sigma Alpha, the national osteopathic medical honor society, by members of Rho Chi, the national pharmacy honor society, by members of Beta Sigma Kappa, the international optometric honor society, and by members of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honor society.



