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COMMENCEMENT





THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION,
AND STAFF CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS VERY
SPECIAL DAY. ■ TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE
IS THE CULMINATION OF YOUR HARD WORK AND
INTELLECTUAL EFFORT, WHICH SHOULD BE DULY NOTED
AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED. ■ MAY ALL OF YOUR
DREAMS AND WISHES BRING FORTH A PROSPEROUS
FUTURE. ■ CONGRATULATIONS!

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

**2008 UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**

OF THE

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

**H. WAYNE HUIZENGA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**BANKATLANTIC CENTER
SUNRISE, FLORIDA**

*Saturday, the Tenth of May, Two Thousand and Eight
Four O'clock in the Afternoon*

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMENCEMENT 2008

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

* Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement..... Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores
Member, Board of Trustees

Presiding Officer..... Ray Ferrero, Jr.
President, Nova Southeastern University

* *America, the Beautiful* Bates/Ward

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains' majesty
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!*

Introductions	Frank DePiano <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Welcome	Don Rosenblum <i>Dean, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences</i>
Opening Remarks.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Presentation of Outstanding Achievement Awards..... <i>(Biographical Sketch in back of program)</i>	Don Rosenblum

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
Awards presented by Don Rosenblum

Ryan Richard Fabrizio and Cynthia Martinez-Babulik
Division of Humanities
and

Kristina Marie Christoph and Nicholas Ray Rocco
Division of Math, Science, and Technology
and

Samantha Domingo and Laxmi Narian Lalwani
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences
and

Fischler School of Education and Human Services
Awards presented by Jamie Manburg

Janelle M. Kenny and Renee Anne King
Teacher Education Programs
and

H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Awards presented by J. Preston Jones

Robin Furmanski and Andrew M. Ibrahim
Department of Business

Address on Behalf of the Graduates Andrew M. Ibrahim
Class of '08

Presentation of The James Farquhar Award Don Rosenblum

Awarded to
Kathryn Elizabeth Bond
(Biographical Sketch in back of program)

Conferral of Honorary Degree Ray Ferrero, Jr.

Doctorate of Humane Letters
Awarded to
Ambassador Joseph Wilson

Commencement Address Ambassador Joseph Wilson
*Former U.S. Ambassador
(Biographical Sketch in back of program)*

Presentation of Graduates

Conferral of Degrees Ray Ferrero, Jr.

Farewell Ray Ferrero, Jr.

Dismissal of the Commencement Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores

* *Nova Southeastern University Anthem* Cavanaugh

*Hail Thee, Nova Southeastern!
Bright sun shining new;
Radiant star of our morning,
Ever rising, true;*

*May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide
and thy love a beacon strong,
as throughout the world we spread thy name
joining voice in grateful song:*

*Nova Southeastern, Alma Mater,
By thy light imbue,
Service, honor, loyalty,
'til our days are through.*

Love Thee, Gray and Blue!

* Recessional
Epic March Ireland

* *Denotes that the audience should stand during this part of the ceremony.*

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THEATRE

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JOSEPH WILSON, former U.S. ambassador, was a member of the U.S. diplomatic service from 1976 through 1998. Wilson served as acting ambassador to Iraq during Operation Desert Shield. As the last American official to meet with Saddam Hussein before the start of the 1990 Gulf War, Wilson worked to free more than 100 American hostages after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. President George H. Bush praised his efforts, calling Wilson "a true American hero."

Serving in the administrations of both major parties, Wilson's highly decorated diplomatic career later encompassed posts as ambassador to the Gabonese Republic and to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, as well as senior government appointments, including senior director for African Affairs at the National Security Council and political adviser to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces, Europe.

In 2002, Wilson was sent by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to investigate reports that Saddam Hussein was attempting to buy uranium from Niger to advance Iraq's nuclear program. He publicly concluded that there was no truth to the claims. Shortly thereafter, a leak exposed his wife as a CIA operative in news reports, which resulted in four federal felony convictions against Lewis Libby, the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney.

The former ambassador is known for his timely and astute insights on international policy, particularly toward Iraq and the Middle East. Wilson is the author of the July 2003 *New York Times* op-ed piece "What I Didn't Find in Africa" and the memoir *The Politics of Truth: Inside the Lies that Led to War and Betrayed My Wife's CIA Identity: A Diplomat's Memoir*, in which he shares stories gained through two decades of diplomatic service and outlines his recommendations for future policies.

Among Wilson's awards are the Physicians for Social Responsibility Peacemaker Award (2007), and the ACLU's National Civil Liberties Award (2007). In October 2003, he received the Ridenhour Truth-Telling Prize, awarded to an individual or organization that has brought an important issue to light, from the Fertel Foundation and the Nation Institute. Wilson's additional honors include the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Award, the Department of State Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, the University of California—Santa Barbara Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the American Foreign Service Association William R. Rivkin Award.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences

Division of Humanities



CYNTHIA MARTINEZ-BABULIK, an English major with a minor in psychology, is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After transferring from Temple University, she joined Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. Martinez-Babulik is also a member of Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major. She has thrived at NSU, earning a place on the Dean's List, while working full-time as assistant to the dean and director of the Law Library and Technology Center. She enjoys reading and spending time outdoors, as she believes that both are essential for an individual's well-being. Martinez-Babulik would like to acquire a master of arts degree in writing at Nova Southeastern University.

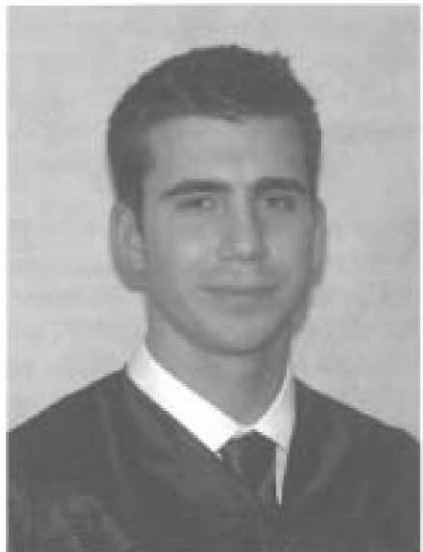


RYAN RICHARD FRABIZIO, an English and history major with a minor in humanities, is from Davie, Florida. He is a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program, for which he is receiving a citation in General Honors, and Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. Frabizio has contributed material and worked on the staff of *Digressions*, the undergraduate literary magazine, for three years, spending two years as its editor-in-chief. He has also presented twice at the Undergraduate Student Symposium, performed in the Broward Symphony Orchestra on trumpet, and performed in Nova Southeastern University's inaugural pep band and orchestra on trumpet and trombone for two years. Frabizio's long-term goal is to teach.

Division of Math, Science, and Technology



KRISTINA MARIE CHRISTOPH, a biology major with a business minor, is from Southwest Ranches, Florida. A dual-admission student, she is a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program and the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society. Christoph is an officer of Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major, and president of NSU's Pre-Dental Society. She has volunteered for Give Kids a Smile, the NSU Healthy Aging Expo, NSU's A Day For Children, Hispanic Unity of Florida, the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center, and Memorial Hospital West. As part of her division honors research thesis, she researched the expression of RND and MATE efflux pumps in *porphyromonas gingivalis* under various growth conditions with Joshua Loomis, Ph.D., as her mentor. Christoph will be pursuing a degree in dentistry at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.



NICHOLAS RAY ROCCO, a biology major with a minor in chemistry, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program; the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society; and Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major. Rocco is president of the Pre-Medical Society. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and performed health screenings at NSU's Healthy Aging Expo. He won the National Human Cadaver Prosection Program Award at the Indiana University School of Medicine Northwest Human Cadaver Prosection Program. His presentations include "Truth and Power: Making the Physician of the 21st Century" with Ernest F. Talarico, Ph.D.; a discussion panel on the origin and evolution of life; and "Usability Evaluation of Tablet PCs and Software in Undergraduate Anatomy and Physiology," a Hewlett-Packard Educational Technology Grant

Proposal. At the Undergraduate Student Symposium, Rocco presented "Antimicrobial Properties of a Recently Patented Formulation," "Linkage of Restriction Site Polymorphisms at the Minisatellite D1S80 Locus in a Tamil Population from India," and "Anatomy Cat Dissection Software: Developing a Study Resource CD-ROM for NSU Undergraduate Anatomy and Physiology Students." He has had abstracts accepted for upcoming presentations at the AMSA and ASM conferences. Rocco plans to attend medical school and specialize in orthopedic surgery.

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences



SAMANTHA DOMINGO, a psychology major, hails from Caracas, Venezuela. She is a member of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, and the Psychology Club. She has volunteered for Women in Distress of Broward County. Domingo's research on the association of synesthesia with creativity among a general population won first place at the 2008 Undergraduate Student Symposium, and she will present at the 2008 Association for Psychological Science Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Domingo published "The Effects of Classical Versus Electronic Music on Learning and Recall" in the *Farquhar Student Journal*, fall 2007. She intends to obtain her doctorate in behavioral neuroscience and continue her research throughout her career, as well as teach at the university level. This summer, Domingo will serve as an intern at the University of Utah, conducting research on memory with Ray Kesner, Ph.D.



LAXMI NARIAN LALWANI, a psychology major, lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Mumbai, India. A dual-admission student, she is a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program and Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major; president of the Honors Student Association; chair of Omicron Delta Kappa; and president of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. She has also served as secretary of Alpha Phi Omega and vice president of the Psychology Club. Lalwani's volunteering experience includes work with Community Fest, Kids in Distress, Love Jen, the University of Tampa Park Clean Up, Project Linus, and the UCF Arboretum Clean Up. Her research projects include "Attraction on the Basis of Relationship Status" with Weylin Sternglanz, Ph.D.; "Creativity in Synesthetes" with co-principal investigator Samantha Domingo, which won first place at the Undergraduate Student Symposium;

and "Trust in Co-prenuers" with Patricia Cole, Ph.D. Lalwani presented "Attraction on the Basis of Relationship Status" and "Artistic Abilities in Synesthetes" at the Undergraduate Student Symposium and will present "Artistic Abilities in Synesthetes" at the American Psychological Sciences Conference in May (Chicago, Illinois). She serves as a chemistry-teaching assistant and a math and sciences tutor. Lalwani has also been a member of the Clinic Exploration Program. She intends to become a clinical pediatric neuropsychologist.

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JANELLE M. KENNY, an elementary education major, lives in Weston, Florida. She studied at Broward Community College, Penn State, and Cerritos College before coming to NSU. She is a member of Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major, and a recipient of the Presidential Access Scholarship. A mother of three, Kenny has owned her own business, traveled throughout the country and abroad as part of the Los Angeles/Oakland Raiderettes Professional Cheerleading team, appeared in more than 25 publications as a model, and appeared in more than a dozen film and television spots, including *Coach* and Nike commercials. Kenny is an active volunteer in many capacities at her children's school. She works to support youth ice hockey and has co-hosted a book drive for a local school, as well as served many other local and

national charities. Kenny is considering the possibility of beginning her master's degree in education in the fall and has accepted a position teaching a fourth-grade gifted class at her children's school.



RENEE ANNE KING, an elementary education major, lives in Pompano Beach, Florida. She came to NSU from Broward Community College. A mother of two, King belongs to Phi Theta Kappa; Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major; and Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society for educators. Her favorite pastimes include spending quality time with her children, reading, writing, and volunteering at Cresthaven Elementary School, which she has done for five years. At a very young age, King enjoyed teaching and tutoring her younger siblings, which established a lifelong love of education. In the fall, she will pursue a master's degree in reading education, with the long-term goal of earning a doctoral degree in higher education.

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ROBIN FURMANSKI, a business administration and marketing major, is from Pembroke Pines, Florida. A dual-admission student, she is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa; the Leadership Roundtable Scholars; and Alpha Chi, an academic honor society composed of students in the top 10 percent of their major. Furmanski is secretary of the American Marketing Association, for which she was project management committee chair. She is president and founder of Savvy Scrapbookers, a Delta Phi Epsilon Member at Large, a presidential ambassador, and an orientation leader. She created the Holiday Cheer Ball 2007 for underprivileged children and those involved in Kids in Distress. She received a scholarship from Target for her marketing presentation on the "Design for All Campaign." Furmanski will enroll in NSU's M.B.A. program while pursuing a career in marketing.



ANDREW MINA IBRAHIM, a finance major, is from Poughquag, New York. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, and the National Greek Honor Society. He served as a freshman senator in the NSU Student Government Association, as a resident adviser, and as an orientation leader. A dual-admission student, he is a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program, for which he is receiving a citation in General Honors. Ibrahim also served as president, treasurer, and induction officer for Lambda Theta Phi, Latin Fraternity, Inc. He has also been NSU Undergraduate Student Body president and president of the Greek Council. He volunteers with the South Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Broward Red Cross. He delivered the Inaugural State of the Student Union Address, a speech that included the concerns and recommendations of the 15 graduate and undergraduate disciplines at NSU, to the NSU Board of Trustees at the

annual Board of Trustees retreat. Ibrahim will be attending the NSU Shepard Broad Law Center in the fall. He hopes to be a lawyer in the field of higher education.

JAMES FARQUHAR AWARD



KATHRYN ELIZABETH BOND, a biology major, is from Houston, Texas. She is member of the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honors Society; the Undergraduate Honors Program, for which she is receiving a citation in General Honors; the Leadership Roundtable Scholars; the Pre-Med Society; and the NSU Women's Golf Team. She has served as a presidential ambassador and on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Her volunteer experience at NSU includes work with Community Fest, the University-Wide Open House, A Day for Children, and Homecoming Week. Through Bond's membership in Volunteer Broward, she has worked with Habitat for Humanity and tutored children from elementary to high school in math and language arts. In the summer of 2007, she had an observership with Janice Cormier, M.D., at the University of Texas's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Bond also participated in the Undergraduate Student

Symposium. She intends to pursue her M.D., followed by specialized training to become a cardiovascular surgeon. Bond also intends to join the Peace Corps or Doctors Without Borders to gain medical experience in a third-world country.

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Nova Southeastern University Anthem

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the original centers of learning of the western world in the church of the Middle Ages. Caps, hoods, and gowns of the early students and monks have been held through the centuries to be traditionally symbolic of the scholarly devotion so basic to education and to the deliberate and orderly evolution of knowledge.

The introduction of classical studies, the gradual rise of the great universities across Europe, and the ever-increasing awareness of the decisive role of education in the entire development of civilization influenced leaders among academicians in their desire for a singular identity. In the attempt to create this differentiation, educators fell upon the medieval system of classic heraldry, whereby the coat of arms, assorted ornamental trappings, and patterns of colorful design had been adopted to denote the distinctive character of designated chivalric orders. The function of a pedagogical heraldry became, then, simply identification. As such, measures were taken to signify through distinctive markings on the academicians attire the institution that had granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree had been earned, and the level of the degree: bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

Of the three pieces of academic attire—the cap, the gown, and the hood—it is the hood that offers the most abundant and most readily discernable information about its owner. The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution at which the individual earned the degree. Some schools have adopted two-color patterns and introduced chevrons and bars in various designs to set themselves apart from other institutions. The velvet trim bordering the hood indicates the major field of learning, or faculty, in which the degree has been earned. The list at the conclusion of this section will explain this relationship. A final feature of the hood concerns its length and width and distinguishes further between holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet, closed at the bottom, and the velvet border is two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, individuals receiving bachelor's degrees do not wear hoods. A master's degree holder has a hood three and one-half feet in length with a three-inch wide border, and is slit at the bottom. Individuals receiving doctoral degrees wear hoods four feet in length, open at the bottom, with five-inch borders. The gown is usually black in color, but some American universities have adopted distinctive colors for their robes.

The cut of the gown aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. It may be recognized most readily by the long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller and bears no adornment. The sleeves are oblong in shape and open at the wrist, with the rear part of the oblong square cut while the front edge has a cutaway arc. The doctor's gown is more elaborate, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck of the garment. The sleeves are bell-shaped at the end and have three bars of the same material as the front panels at the upper portion of the arm. It is cut rather fully and may be ornamental in color.

The mortarboard, or Oxford-type, cap has been adopted throughout most universities in the United States, although tams have become increasingly fashionable to denote holders of doctoral degrees. Colored tassels are usually worn by holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees. These denote the field of learning.

The color, indeed the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universality of universities, of their responsibility to certain timeless values essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. The dress also marks the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the wearing of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their wearing of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and of their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

HONORS

<i>Alpha Chi</i>	Members of this national honor society wear blue and green ribbons with honor medallions.
<i>Beta Beta Beta</i>	Members of this national biological honor society wear red and green cords.
<i>Citation in Divisional Honors</i>	Members of this honors group wear a gold medallion indicating completion of all divisional honor requirements, including an honors project.
<i>Citation in General Honors</i>	Members of this honors group wear a silver medallion indicating completion of all General Honors Programs courses and maintaining grade point requirement.
<i>Kappa Delta Pi</i>	Members of this education honor society wear violet and jade cords.
<i>Lambda Epsilon Chi</i>	Members of this paralegal assistant studies honor society wear gold-toned pins.
<i>Lambda Pi Eta</i>	Members of this communication honor society wear white and red cords.
<i>National Society of Collegiate Scholars</i>	Members of this collegiate honor society wear a maroon and gold double strand cord with an attached gold medallion.
<i>Pi Alpha</i>	Members of this public affairs and administration honor society wear blue and gold cords.
<i>Psi Chi</i>	Members of this psychology honor society wear yellow cords, lapel pins, or small medallions.
<i>Sigma Beta Delta</i>	Members of this business management and administration honor society wear green and yellow cords.
<i>Sigma Tau Delta</i>	Members of this English honor society wear red and black stoles and medallions.

PROCESSIONAL BANNERS (GONFALONS)

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias, and many use them to identify and lead colleges and schools within the university in academic procession. The gonfalons represent the university and the various academic divisions of Nova Southeastern University.

The lower half of the gonfalon consists of the university insignia in various permutations. On the upper half is the name of a particular academic division of the university, along with a diagonal stripe in the color of that division's principal discipline.

ARTS, LETTERS, HUMANITIES	<i>White</i>	OPTOMETRY	<i>Sea Foam Green</i>
ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS	<i>Drab</i>	ORATORY (SPEECH)	<i>Silver Gray</i>
DENTISTRY	<i>Lilac</i>	PHARMACY	<i>Olive Green</i>
ECONOMICS	<i>Copper</i>	PHILOSOPHY	<i>Dark Blue</i>
EDUCATION	<i>Light Blue</i>	PODIATRY-CHIROPODY	<i>Nile Green</i>
ENGINEERING	<i>Orange</i>	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING	
FINE ARTS	<i>Brown</i>	CRIMINAL JUSTICE..	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
LAW	<i>Purple</i>	PUBLIC HEALTH	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
MEDICINE	<i>Green</i>	SCIENCE	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
NURSING	<i>Apricot</i>	SOCIAL SCIENCE	<i>Cream</i>

MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and was also displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and 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.

THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star," symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, *nova* means "new" or "innovative." Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution, to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.



