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2009

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AND STAFF CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS VERY

WILLIAM AND MARGA BOWYER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

ACHIEVEMENT TO THIS POINT IN YOUR EDUCATIONAL PURSUES

AND WISH YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE YOUR EDUCATION

UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR DEGREE

AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED ■ MAY ALL OF YOUR

DREAMS AND WISHES BEING FORTH & ACCOMPLISHED

EVERY ■ CONGRATULATIONS



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**

**2009 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 Ninth of May, Two Thousand and Nine  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMENCEMENT 2009

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

\* Processional

*Crown Imperial* (1937) ..... Walton

Convening the Commencement ..... Grand Marshal, George L. Hanbury II  
*Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer*

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 .....	Don Rosenblum <i>(Biographical Sketches in back of program)</i>

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences  
Awards presented by Don Rosenblum

Liana Zainurin  
*Division of Humanities*  
and

Jessica Blanco and Harold "Dan" Madden  
*Division of Math, Science, and Technology*  
and

Natalie A. Solomon  
*Division of Performing and Visual Arts*  
and

Briana M. O'Dowd and Rosa M. Santos  
*Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences*  
and

Fischler School of Education and Human Services  
Awards presented by H. Wells Singleton

Patricia Jo Blanco and Brianna Ellison  
*Teacher Education Programs*  
and

H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship  
Awards presented by Randolph A. Pohlman

Nageen Ali and Akshat Bhargava  
*Department of Business*



Address on Behalf of the Graduates ..... Briana M. O'Dowd  
*Class of '09*

Presentation of The James Farquhar Award ..... Don Rosenblum

Awarded to  
Hayley Christy Oligane  
*(Biographical Sketch in back of program)*

Conferral of Honorary Degree ..... Ray Ferrero, Jr.

Doctorate of Humane Letters  
Awarded to  
Samantha Nutt, M.D.

Commencement Address ..... Samantha Nutt, M.D.  
*Founder and Executive Director of War Child Canada  
(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, George L. Hanbury II

\* *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  
*La Rejouissance* ..... Handel  
*From Music for the Royal Fireworks*

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

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**SAMANTHA NUTT, M.D.**, the founder and executive director of War Child Canada, has dedicated her career to working on behalf of women, children, and families living in war zones.

As an advocate for peace, human rights, and social justice, Nutt has led efforts to provide direct humanitarian support and aid to civilians affected by war. She spent more than 13 years in some of the world's most violent regions, working with War Child Canada, the United Nations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, northern Uganda, and other locations. As the founder and executive director of War Child Canada, Nutt has worked extensively within her country to promote issues surrounding children's rights.

In the international arena, she has participated in humanitarian efforts in Burundi, Liberia, Iraq, Somalia, and the United Arab Emirates. She conducted extensive reviews for UNICEF on the health of women and children in post-war Liberia, and she has examined the health and food needs of Iraqi civilians living under economic sanctions.

As a medical doctor, Nutt is a specialist in maternal and child health in armed-conflict zones, family medicine, public health, and women's health. Nutt is on staff at Women's College Hospital, Sunnybrook, and the Women's Health Science Centre in Toronto. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto.

A native of Toronto, Nutt holds undergraduate degrees in arts and science and in medicine from McMaster University, located in Hamilton, Ontario. She earned post-graduate degrees in medicine and in public health from the University of Toronto and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Britain's national school of public health.

Nutt has been recognized internationally for her work promoting human rights and her role in delivering humanitarian aid to some of the world's most at-risk populations. She was the recipient of the University of Toronto's Science for Peace Award and the CP Shaw Award for Excellence in Community Medicine Research and Publication. Selected by *Maclean's Magazine* for its annual honor roll, Nutt was designated as one of 12 Canadians "Making a Difference." She was profiled by *Time Magazine* as one of Canada's five leading activists and by CBC News Sunday as an outstanding Canadian leader. Nutt also was chosen by the World Economic Forum as one of the world's 200 Young Global Leaders.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

### FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### DIVISION OF HUMANITIES



*LIANA ZAINURIN*, a dual major in legal studies and communication studies, is originally from Singapore. She is a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and Lambda Pi Eta, the honor society of the National Communication Association. She was placed on the Dean's List in 2007–2008. During summer 2008, Zainurin worked as an intern at CNN's South Florida bureau. Her duties included assisting the assignment desk and newsroom staff; conducting basic story research; shadowing editors, producers, and correspondents; observing live broadcasts; field assignments; and critiquing writing. She also completed a Florida Attorney General Internship under the guidance of faculty adviser Stephen Levitt, LL.M. In the community, Zainurin has been a volunteer for the International Committee of the Red Cross. She plans to continue her education by enrolling in law school and focusing on human rights law.

#### DIVISION OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS



*NATALIE A. SOLOMON*, a theatre major, is originally from Kingston, Jamaica, and now lives in Coral Springs, Florida. She is a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. She has made the Dean's List for four consecutive years. Natalie participated in travel-study programs through history and theatre courses in England and Scotland. She has been actively involved in NSU's theatre program, appearing on stage in productions and working behind the scenes. Through her membership in the Sigma Delta Tau sorority, Solomon has volunteered for programs such as Prevent Child Abuse America and Women in Distress. She currently works as a teacher's aide at Challenger Elementary School, where she assists children with autism and helps out in the aftercare program. Solomon plans to earn a master's degree in exceptional-student education and hopes to pursue a career teaching children with special needs.



## DIVISION OF MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY



**JESSICA BLANCO**, a biology major with a minor in chemistry, is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and Beta Beta Beta, the National Biological Honor Society, for which she also served as secretary. Blanco was placed on the Dean's List in 2008 and 2009, and she was a recipient of the NSU Honor Award in 2007. Blanco completed several undergraduate research projects with faculty mentors Jason A. Rosenzweig, Ph.D., and Reza Razeghifard, Ph.D. Her review article was published in the fall 2008 issue of the *Farquhar Student Journal*. She presented research posters at the Undergraduate Student Symposium in 2008 and 2009. Blanco was a participant in the Clinic Exploration Program, where she shadowed NSU health professionals. She is a member of the Pre-Dental Society and the Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students. She has served as a volunteer at numerous community events and programs. She has been accepted into

NSU's 2009 dental program, and she plans to pursue a career as a dentist.



**HAROLD "DAN" MADDEN**, a computer information systems major with a minor in information assurance/security, is from Coral Springs, Florida. He has been the chief information officer of Eastern Metal Supply, Inc., since 2000. Harold has served as president of Data Resource Group, Inc.; Open Systems Database Association; Megasyms Corporation; and Commercial Application Processors, as well as on the boards of the McDonnell-Douglas Computer Company National Vendor Association and IBM System 3 Users Group. Madden has volunteered in the community by serving on school advisory councils, sponsoring exchange students from Germany and Colombia, and sponsoring charity events and sports teams. He has been working with Saeed Rajput, Ph.D., on publishing a paper titled "Privacy Rights in the Internet Age." Madden plans to continue his education by enrolling in graduate school.

## DIVISION OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES



**ROSA M. SANTOS**, a paralegal studies major, is from Hallandale, Florida. She is a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. Santos was placed on the Dean's List in 2007 and 2008. She is a member of the American Red Cross, where she volunteers at evacuation shelters during hurricane season. She also has volunteered at Stand Up For Kids, an organization that helps homeless and runaway children. In addition to her studies, Santos works full-time as a legal assistant for a criminal defense attorney. She enjoys photography as a hobby. She plans to continue her education by enrolling in law school and specializing in international law or business law.



**BRIANA M. O'DOWD**, a psychology major, is from Coral Gables, Florida. She is a member of the Dual Admission program in Psychology (Psy.D.) and the Undergraduate Honors Program. She belongs to Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. O'Dowd was named the Honors Distinguished Student Scholar in the Undergraduate Honors Program in 2007 and 2008. She was a Dean's List Scholar in 2007 and has made the Dean's List every semester. In 2008, O'Dowd's poster won second-place honors at the Undergraduate Student Symposium for research conducted with faculty adviser Michael Reiter, Ph.D. She also worked as a research assistant to Weylin Sternglanz, Ph.D. O'Dowd is a member of NSU's Psychology Club, and she works as a peer tutor specializing in statistics. In the community, she received the Congressional Award Gold Medal for volunteer service. She also is a member of the Association

of Video Games, Anime, Comic Books, and Sci-Fi (AVACS). O'Dowd plans to earn a doctoral degree specializing in social psychology. She hopes to join the NSU faculty in the future.

## FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

### DEPARTMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER EDUCATION



**BRIANNA ELLISON**, an elementary education major, is from Minneapolis, Minnesota. She served as vice president of the Omega Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. She has made the Dean's List for three consecutive years, and she has received the NSU Honor Award. Ellison has presented research at the Association of Teachers conference in Dallas, Texas. She has volunteered her time to create interactive bulletin boards, which were donated to an urban teacher academy program. She also participated in an outreach initiative called Help Our Students, which partnered with Publix Supermarket to donate school supplies to students in need. Ellison, who has worked as a human resource representative, plans to pursue a career in education.



**PATRICIA JO BLANCO**, a major in secondary mathematics education, is from Southwest Ranches, Florida. She has made the Dean's List for the past two years and received the NSU Honor Award. In 2009, Blanco participated in an internship at Western High School in Davie, Florida, where she worked as a student-teacher in an Algebra II Honors class. In addition, Blanco works part-time as a substitute teacher for Broward County Public Schools. She plans to pursue a master's degree in mathematics education. Her goal is to become a high school mathematics teacher.

## H. WAYNE HUIZENGA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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**NAGEEN ALI**, an accounting major, is originally from Pakistan and now lives in Hollywood, Florida. She belongs to Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and Sigma Beta Delta, an international honor society for business, management, and administration. She served as president of NSU's Accounting Club. She is a recipient of the NSU Honors Scholarship and the Dean's Award. Under the guidance of Bahaudin Mujtaba, D.B.A., Ali worked on research exploring the management style of businesses in Pakistan. In 2008, she worked as a student liaison, providing support to seven student groups at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. In the community, Ali has tutored students in math and has conducted food, clothing, and book drives for those in need. She plans to earn a master's degree in accounting and hopes to eventually work as an auditor for a public accounting firm.



**AKSHAT BHARGAVA**, an economics major, is originally from New Delhi, India. He is a member of the Dual Admission program in International Business Administration. He was inducted into the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society in 2007 and served as an induction officer in 2008. Bhargava also is a member of Sigma Beta Delta, an international honor society for business, management, and administration, and Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society. He has held several positions in student leadership, including president of the Undergraduate Student Government Association (SGA) in 2007–2008 and president of Nova International Student Association in 2006–2007. He served as captain of the SGA and NSU Ethics Bowl Southeast Regional Competition Team in 2007. Bhargava has made the Dean's List for the past four years. He is the 2009 Student of the Year at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. He also received the Juan Pablo Memorial

Leadership Award in 2006 and 2007. He was named the Outstanding SGA Member of the Year in 2007–2008. In his free time, Bhargava wrote a biweekly column about student life for NSU's student newspaper, *The Current*. He has served as a student member of several committees, including the Academic Integrity Committee from 2006–2008 and the Commencement Committee in 2008. Bhargava plans to earn a master's degree in international business administration and pursue a career as an entrepreneur and a philanthropist.

## JAMES FARQUHAR AWARD



**HAYLEY CHRISTY OLIGANE**, a biology major, is from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Dual Admission Program in Osteopathic Medicine and has participated in the Undergraduate Honors Program since her freshman year. Working under the guidance of Mahmood Shivji, Ph.D., Oligane completed honors research on aquatic endangered species at the Guy Harvey Research Institute at NSU's Oceanographic Center, winning first-place honors at the Undergraduate Student Symposium in 2008. She is a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and Beta Beta Beta, the National Biological Honor Society. She has made the Dean's List and the Athletic Director's List for eight consecutive semesters. A leading midfielder for the NSU varsity women's soccer team, Oligane is a nominee for the NCAA 2009 Woman of the Year award. In 2007, she was nominated as NSU's Female Athlete of the Year and received the NSCAA First Team Regional Athletic honor. She also was

named to the CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine Academic All-District First Team* and was honored by *Diverse Magazine* as the recipient of the 2008 Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholarship Award. In the community, Oligane has been an ambassador for the Best Buddy Program of Broward County and has volunteered with the Special Olympics. Additionally, she completed two summer internships shadowing medical professionals in Pennsylvania. Oligane plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in medicine, focusing on orthopedic surgery and sports medicine.

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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.

### FACULTY MARSHALS

In the academic procession at baccalaureate commencement, degree candidates from the colleges are accompanied by faculty marshals chosen from among the full-time faculty within those colleges. The word "marshal" is derived from the Old High German words *marah*, meaning "horse" and *schalh*, meaning "servant," and originally meant "stable keeper." As marshals became trustworthy members of medieval courts, however, the title took on the designation of an honor and many became hereditary. In modern pageantry, marshals (often of the "Grand" variety) lead parades. In American universities, marshals lead processions or accompany parts of them, as is the case at Nova Southeastern University. The marshal of the academic procession, ordinarily a member of the Board of Trustees, leads all parties to the commencement, bearing the university mace. Faculty marshals wear *aiguillettes* in the university colors as accoutrements on their academic robes.

The *aiguillette*, a braided cord ending in a decorative tip and worn over the right shoulder, owes its status as a formal military distinction to Napoleon I. It should not be confused with the lanyard, a similar cord without tips, also sometimes worn over the shoulder (although more commonly around the neck), nor with the *fourragère*, a purely military decoration somewhat similar to the *aiguillette* but worn on the left. The wearing of *aiguillettes* in modern academic regalia denotes an honor.

The use of *aiguillettes* as military decorations draws its origin from an ancient means of holding plates of body armor together. The tying of braided leather formed not only a lace-like pattern, which secured the armor, but joining the arm defenses to the chest plates resulted in a loop around the shoulder, the loose ends of which were finished with metal tips. Over time, the tips themselves took on a decorative function, their symbolic significance eventually rising to that of a formal distinction. Strictly speaking, *aiguillettes* (from the French *aiguille* or "needle") referred to these decorative tips; the plastic or metal tips of shoelaces (aglets) are direct descendants. In modern usage, the term refers to the entire set of braids and tips.

## 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>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>Rho Rho Rho</i>	Members of this national marine biological honor society wear triangular shaped gold pins.
<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.
<i>Alpha Phi Sigma</i>	Members of this criminal justice honor society wear blue and gold cords.

## 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 ..... *White*  
ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS ..... *Drab*  
DENTISTRY ..... *Lilac*  
ECONOMICS ..... *Copper*  
EDUCATION ..... *Light Blue*  
ENGINEERING ..... *Orange*  
FINE ARTS ..... *Brown*  
LAW ..... *Purple*  
MEDICINE ..... *Green*  
NURSING ..... *Apricot*

OPTOMETRY ..... *Sea Foam Green*  
ORATORY (SPEECH) ..... *Silver Gray*  
PHARMACY ..... *Olive Green*  
PHILOSOPHY ..... *Dark Blue*  
PODIATRY-CHIROPODY ..... *Nile Green*  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE.. *Peacock Blue*  
PUBLIC HEALTH ..... *Salmon Pink*  
SCIENCE ..... *Golden Yellow*  
SOCIAL SCIENCE ..... *Cream*

## 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.



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