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WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University extends a cordial welcome to each person attending this Graduation and Hooding Ceremony for the December 2012 Juris Doctor and Master of Science in Health Law, Employment Law, and Education Law degree graduates. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of these students and extend to them the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university faculty, staff, and administration.

ROSE AND ALFRED MINIACI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
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*Sunday, the Sixteenth of December, Two Thousand and Twelve
Two O'clock in the Afternoon*

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D.....	Elgar
Welcome.....	Meline M. Kevorkian <i>Assistant Provost, Nova Southeastern University</i>
Remarks.....	Athornia Steele <i>Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Student Speaker.....	Cynthia Pyfrom
Introduction of Faculty Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Faculty Speaker.....	Elena Langan <i>Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Presentation of Master's Degree and Juris Doctor Candidates.....	Timothy Arcaro <i>Professor and Associate Dean for Online Programs Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
	Janet Mosseri <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs Shepard Broad Law Center</i>
Closing Remarks.....	Athornia Steele
Recessional	

We request that the audience stand during the Processional and Recessional.

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Cindy Pyfrom

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Silver (125–299 hours)

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Concentration in International Legal Practice

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The caps and gowns of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages, when they were common dress for scholars. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th century castles and halls of learning.

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.

During the processional, candidates for the bachelor's degree wear the tassels of their mortarboard on their right. Upon receiving the diplomas, they move the tassels to the left. Candidates for all other degrees wear the tassels on the left.

NOTE

The appearance of a name in this program should not be interpreted as evidence of graduation. The student's permanent record, on file in the University Registrar's Office, remains the official testimony of the possession of a Nova Southeastern University degree.

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By 2020, through excellence and innovations in teaching, research, service, and learning, Nova Southeastern University will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community, and the general public as a premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction that engages all students and produces alumni who serve with integrity in their lives, fields of study, and resulting careers.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible, distance-learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, lifelong learning environment.

CORE VALUES

Academic Excellence

Student Centered

Integrity

Innovation

Opportunity

Scholarship/Research

Diversity

Community

MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and also was 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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