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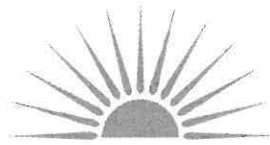
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2018

COMMENCEMENT





THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY,  
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

WELCOME TO THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OF 2018

FOR THE

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

DR. PALLAVI PATEL COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

RICK CASE ARENA AT THE  
DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER  
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Eighteenth of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

## Presiding

Prelude

\*Processional

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

## Convening the Morning

Commencement Ceremony ..... Hilda DeGaetano, D.O., M.S.Ed., FACOP, FAAP  
Grand Marshal  
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

## Convening the Afternoon Commencement Ceremony

Hamid Omidian, Ph.D. Grand Marshal College of Pharmacy	Morey Kolber, PT, Ph.D., OCS, Cert. MDT, CSCS Grand Marshal Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
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Presiding Officer.....George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

\**The Star Spangled Banner* .....Key/Smith

*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Introductions.....Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D.  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome and Introduction ..... Fred Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.  
Interim Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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

Opening Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II

Conferring of Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Letters  
for Morning Ceremony..... George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address for Morning Ceremony .....Carlos Curbelo, M.A.  
(Biographical sketch in back of program)

Conferring of Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Letters  
for Afternoon Ceremony..... George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address for Afternoon Ceremony .....Seth Siegel, J.D.  
(Biographical sketch in back of program)

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees ..... Ralph V. Rogers

Conferral of Degrees ..... George L. Hanbury II

Presentation of the Oaths ..... *Wording in back of program*

Closing Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II

Dismissal of the Morning Commencement Ceremony.....Romer Ocanto, D.D.S., M.S., CAGS  
Grand Marshal  
College of Dental Medicine

Dismissal of the Afternoon Commencement Ceremony.....Yin C. Tea, O.D., FAAO  
Grand Marshal  
College of Optometry

\*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*

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# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## MORNING CEREMONY

### COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

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Presented by Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S., dean

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR MORNING CEREMONY



**Carlos Curbelo**, M.A., is the U.S. representative for Florida's 26th Congressional District. He was elected in 2014 and reelected in 2016. Curbelo serves on the prestigious Committee on Ways and Means, the oldest committee of the U.S. Congress and the chief tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives. He is a majority member of the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Subcommittee on Oversight.

Prior to starting his political career, Curbelo founded Capital Gains, a public and media relations firm. In 2002, fueled by a desire to give back to his community, he cofounded Centre Court Charities, a nonprofit organization that runs summer basketball leagues for South Florida high school students.

Named state director for U.S. Senator George LeMieux in 2009, Curbelo was responsible for overseeing staff in seven offices throughout the state, while also advising the senator on Latin American policy and Hispanic issues. Shortly after, Curbelo was appointed to the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, a group of community leaders tasked with prioritizing local transportation and infrastructure projects.

In 2010, Curbelo was elected to the Miami-Dade County School Board, which oversees the fourth-largest school district in the country. Together with his board colleagues, Curbelo was part of a historic effort to improve the quality of education and put students and teachers first, resulting in major gains in student performance and graduation rates.

Curbelo joined forces with fellow Florida Congressman Ted Deutch in 2016 to form the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, with the goal of finding common ground on policies that can address climate change.

Curbelo was a recipient of the 2017 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award. Created by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and The Institute of Politics at Harvard University, the award honors Americans younger than the age of 40 who are changing their communities and the country with their commitment to public service.

Curbelo graduated from the University of Miami with a B.A. in Business Administration and an M.A. in Public Administration.

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR AFTERNOON CEREMONY



**Seth M. Siegel**, J.D., is a writer, lawyer, activist, and serial entrepreneur.

Best-selling author of *Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World*, Siegel's book was awarded a bronze medal in its category in the 2016 Axiom Business Book Awards. His essays on water, business, political, and cultural issues have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, and in leading publications in Europe and Asia. He has spoken on water and other issues around the world at nearly 250 venues, including the U.S. Congress; the United Nations; the World Bank; in Davos, Switzerland; and at Google's headquarters.

Siegel is the Daniel M. Soref Senior Fellow at the University of Wisconsin's Center for Water Policy. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a board member of several not-for-profit organizations.

Cofounder of The Beanstalk Group, a global brand extension licensing company, Siegel sold the company to Ford Motor Company in 2001. The business has advised major companies such as Coca-Cola, Harley-Davidson, and Hormel. In connection with his work at Beanstalk, he received the Licensing Industry Merchandiser's Association Award for Excellence nine times. Additionally, he cofounded Sixpoint Partners (a financial services firm) and Vringo (a mobile technologies company).

Siegel also served as a producer for the Tony Award-nominated Broadway revival of *Man of La Mancha* and as an associate producer for the Emmy Award-winning ABC miniseries, *Dinotopia*.

Receiving his B.S. from Cornell University in New York, Siegel then went on to complete his graduate studies at Hebrew University of Jerusalem before returning to New York, where he obtained his J.D. from Cornell Law School. In 2010, he received the Jerome Alpern Award, presented annually to an outstanding alumnus by the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations.



# DENTAL MEDICINE OATH

**Abby Brodie, D.M.D., M.S.**

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Dental Medicine*

*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 that 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.*

# OSTEOPATHIC OATH

**Mark Sandhouse, D.O., M.S.**

Associate Dean for Administration, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

*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 judgment 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 that 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 that were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.*

# PHYSICAL THERAPY OATH

**Shari Rone-Adams, PT, M.H.S.A., D.B.A.**  
Chair, Physical Therapy Department/Associate Professor  
Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

*As I enter the profession of physical therapy, I solemnly and willingly pledge the following:*

*I will strive to demonstrate professionalism as reflected in the APTA's Core Values in all my professional and personal endeavors.*

*I will respect the rights and dignity of all individuals and will provide compassionate care.*

*I will be trustworthy in all aspects of physical therapy practice.*

*I will place the welfare of my patients above my own self-interest.*

*I will provide accurate and relevant information to patients about their care and to the public about physical therapy services.*

*I will exercise sound judgment and comply with the laws and regulations that govern physical therapy, and will protect the public from unethical, incompetent, and illegal acts.*

*I will maintain professional competence and promote high standards for physical therapy practice, education, and research.*

*I will address the health needs of society and strive to effect changes that benefit patients and the community.*

*I will contribute to the body of knowledge that is physical therapy.*

*I will respect the rights, knowledge, and skills of colleagues and other health care professionals, and seek consultation whenever the welfare of the patient may be advanced.*

*Thus, with this pledge, I freely accept the responsibilities that accompany the academic preparation for, and the practice of, physical therapy.*

# OPTOMETRIC OATH

**Tad R. Kosanovich, O.D., FOA President**

*College of Optometry*

*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

**Andrea Levin, Pharm.D., BCACP**

Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, College of Pharmacy

*I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow*

*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 outcomes for my patients.*

*I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.*

*I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.*

*I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical, and legal conduct.*

*I will embrace and advocate change that improves patient care.*

*I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.*

*I take these vows voluntarily, with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.*

# UNIVERSITY VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

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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, e.g., 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 discernible 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. 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 with a velvet border of two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, however, individuals receiving a bachelor's degree do not wear a hood. A master's degree holder has a hood three-and-one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border, and the hood is slit at the bottom. Those individuals with a doctoral degree wear a hood four feet in length, open at the bottom with a five-inch border.

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 the doctoral degree. 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, and of their responsibility for 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. Its wearing marks also 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 donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and symbolized 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

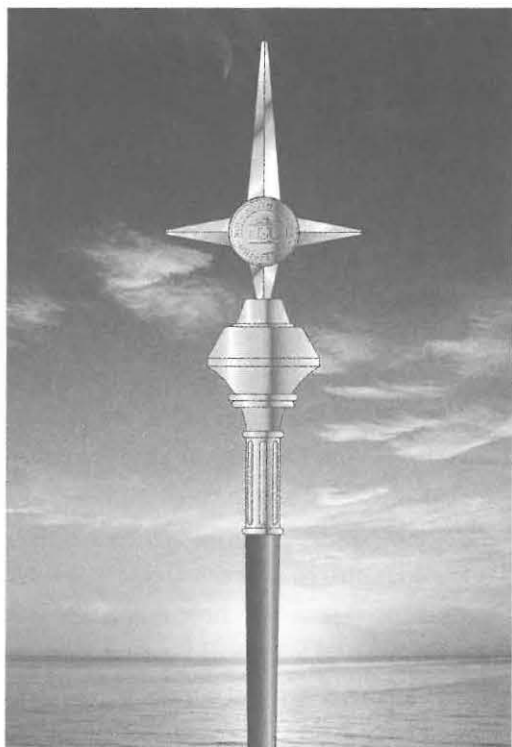
Students wear cords, pins, sashes, and medallions that reflect institutional and national academic honors as well as campus leadership, service, and engagement.

## 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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