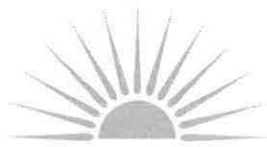


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THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY,  
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TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE IS THE CULMINATION OF YOUR  
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# NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

WELCOME TO THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OF 2016

FOR THE

COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES,  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER  
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Friday, the Seventeenth of June, Two Thousand and Sixteen  
Ten O'clock in the Morning*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

\*Processional

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

Convening the Commencement..... Grand Marshal, Silvia Flores, M.D.  
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\**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?*

Welcoming and Introductions.....Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D.  
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Opening Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address ..... Arun Gandhi  
*(Biographical sketch in back of program)*

Presentation of Degree Candidates ..... Ralph V. Rogers

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

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

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

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**Arun Gandhi** is the fifth grandson of India's legendary leader, Mohandas K. (Mahatma) Gandhi. Growing up under the discriminatory apartheid laws of South Africa, he suffered physical violence and struggled for justice. Gandhi's grandfather taught him to understand nonviolence through understanding violence. He learned from his parents and grandparents that justice does not mean revenge, but rather it means transforming one's opponent through love and suffering.

Gandhi shares these lessons around the world. He has participated in the Renaissance Weekend deliberations with former President Clinton and other Rhodes Scholars. His speaking engagements have included addressing the United Nations; Chicago Children's Museum; the Women's Justice Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan; the Young President's Organization in Mexico; a trade union leaders' meeting in Italy; the Peace and Justice Center in Missouri; and the Scottish Parliament. His work has taken him to Australia, Croatia, Canada, France, Germany, Sweden, Ireland, Italy, Holland, Lithuania, Nicaragua, South Africa, China, Scotland, England, and Japan.

While living in India, Gandhi worked for 30 years as a journalist for *The Times of India*. During this time, he and his wife spearheaded social and economic projects aimed at uplifting the oppressed using constructive programs, which is the backbone of his grandfather's philosophy of nonviolence. These ongoing programs have changed the lives of more than half a million people in 300 villages.

Gandhi has written several books, including *A Patch of White* (1949) about life in segregated South Africa; two books on poverty and politics in India; *M.K. Gandhi's Wit and Wisdom*; and *The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur, the Wife of Mahatma Gandhi*, which he cowrote with his late wife. He also edited a book of essays titled *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's Vision Become Reality?*

In 2014, Gandhi served as the sole research participant for an NSU doctoral student's dissertation on conflict analysis and resolution. The biographical narrative study was designed to provide insight into Gandhi's experiences and how they shaped his understanding of the definition of nonviolence and his identity construction. The student had previously participated in Gandhi's annual campaign, titled *A Season for Nonviolence*. Gandhi also appeared as a guest on a March 2016 radio program cohosted by two NSU doctoral students studying conflict analysis and resolution.

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Amanda Cartas	Richard J. Kelch		

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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.

## 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.

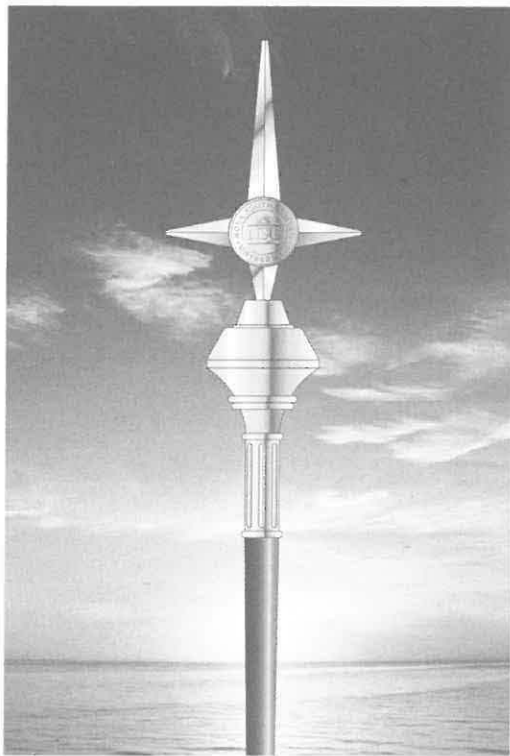
<b>Arts, Letters, Humanities</b> .....	<i>White</i>	<b>Optometry</b> .....	<i>Sea Foam Green</i>
<b>Accountancy, Business</b> .....	<i>Drab</i>	<b>Oratory (Speech)</b> .....	<i>Silver Gray</i>
<b>Dentistry</b> .....	<i>Lilac</i>	<b>Pharmacy</b> .....	<i>Olive Green</i>
<b>Economics</b> .....	<i>Copper</i>	<b>Philosophy</b> .....	<i>Dark Blue</i>
<b>Education</b> .....	<i>Light Blue</i>	<b>Podiatry-Chiroprody</b> .....	<i>Nile Green</i>
<b>Engineering</b> .....	<i>Orange</i>	<b>Public Administration, Human</b>	
<b>Fine Arts</b> .....	<i>Brown</i>	<b>Service, and Criminal Justice</b> .....	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
<b>Law</b> .....	<i>Purple</i>	<b>Public Health</b> .....	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
<b>Medicine</b> .....	<i>Green</i>	<b>Science</b> .....	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
<b>Music</b> .....	<i>Pink</i>	<b>Social Science</b> .....	<i>Cream</i>
<b>Nursing</b> .....	<i>Apricot</i>		

## 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.

# AUTOGRAPHS

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