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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!



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DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Thursday, the Eleventh of May, Two Thousand and Seventeen
Two-Thirty in the Afternoon*

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement.....Silvia Flores, M.D.
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Presiding Officer.....George L. Hanbury II, Ph.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.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Opening Remarks George L. Hanbury II

Dean's Remarks Jon M. Garon, J.D.
Dean, Shepard Broad College of Law

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Jon M. Garon

Address on Behalf of the Graduates Maxwell H. Sawyer
J.D. Class of '17

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Jon M. Garon

Address on Behalf of the GraduatesCornethia Chadwick Sanderson
Master's Degree Class of '17

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Doctor of Laws George L. Hanbury II

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

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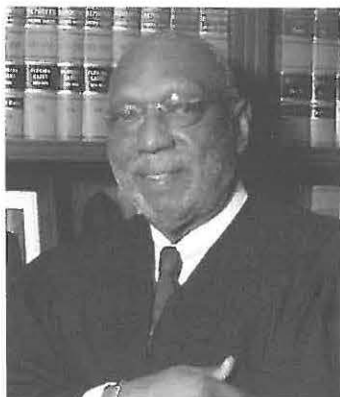
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



James E. C. Perry, J.D., served as the 85th Justice to the Florida Supreme Court from March 2009 until his retirement in December 2016.

Prior to Florida Governor Charlie Crist appointing him to the state Supreme Court, Perry served as a circuit judge and chief judge in Florida's 18th Judicial Circuit. When Governor Jeb Bush selected him in 2000, Perry was the first African American appointed to the judiciary in the 18th Circuit. In appointing Perry, Bush noted Perry's "high level of professionalism, knowledge, and skill" and his commitment to community service.

As an attorney, Perry served as a senior partner in the law firm of Perry & Hicks, where he specialized in civil and business law and was widely recognized for his legal skills.

In addition to his service in the legal arena, Perry played an active role in improving the lives of children. As founder and president of the Jackie Robinson Sports Association, Perry built a baseball league serving 650 at-risk boys and girls—the largest in the nation. In addition to his work with children, Perry served as captain of the Heart of Florida United Way Campaign, and his firm served as general counsel for the Florida Chapter Branches of the NAACP.

Perry has received numerous honors and awards. Those include the Florida Memorial University 2014 President's Award; the 2014 North Brevard County Branch NAACP Award of Appreciation, the Seminole County NAACP Humanitarian Award, the Orange County Chapter NAACP Paul C. Perkins Award, the 2014 Key to the City of Titusville Award, the 2005 Martin Luther King Drum Major Award for Social Justice, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from Orlando's Urban League.

A native of New Bern, North Carolina, Perry's hometown honored him with the key to the city in 2004. The United Negro College Fund selected him as one of four honorees to be profiled for its national broadcast, *An Evening of Stars: A Celebration of Educational Excellence*. Also, the Brevard County and Seminole County bar associations gave him the prestigious Williams-Johnson Outstanding Jurist of the Year Award in 2006.

Perry is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Stetson University College of Law, and is a frequent speaker at schools, churches, and civic organizations. He has delivered the commencement address at several universities, including his alma mater, Saint Augustine's University, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees. He has been a member for more than 30 years of the Carter CME Tabernacle Church of Orlando, where he is a former member of the Board of Trustees.

Perry earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1972 and his B.A. in Business Administration and Accounting from Saint Augustine's University in 1966. Prior to attending law school, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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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.

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

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