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Allow me to add my congratulations on your graduation from Nova Southeastern University.

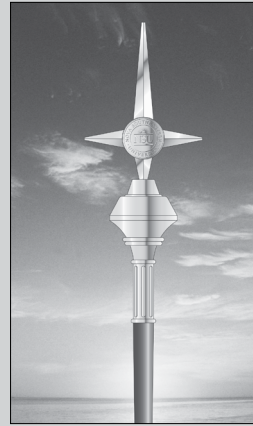
You can feel proud, as we do, that you walk this stage to receive your degree from a world-class, R1 research university that prepares our students for purposeful careers while fostering innovation, opportunity, and community service.

Personally, I believe the pursuit and successful achievement of higher education is one of life's most transformative journeys.

Today, I am sure that you are eager to step forward toward your own next chapter, ready to seek your own greater horizons. We celebrate you, your family, and your future success.

You are what excellence looks like.

Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nova Southeastern University



THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

HISTORY OF THE 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.

NSU'S 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.

NSU'S VISION

Enhance Nova Southeastern University's reputation as a leading professional-dominant, doctoral research university providing competitive career advantages to our students and fostering alumni and partnership connections.

NSU'S MISSION

The mission of Nova Southeastern University—a selective, doctoral research university—is to deliver leading academic programs in a dynamic, innovative environment. We foster academic excellence, leadership, integrity, and scientific, economic, and community contributions through engaging and empowering our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners.

CORE VALUES

Student-Centered
Academic Excellence
Scholarship and Research
Innovation
Opportunity
Community
Diversity
Integrity

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THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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Members of the Board of Trustees
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Processional.....	<i>Crown Imperial</i> by Walton
Presiding Officer.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
NSU ROTC Contingent Presentation of the Colors <i>National Emblem March</i> (Trio) by E. E. Bagley, arr. Cavanaugh <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> by Key/Smith Convening the Commencement	
Grand Marshal.....	Jackie Hinckley, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, <i>Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine's Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Rehabilitative Sciences</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer</i>
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine's Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Health Sciences.....	Chad A. Perlyn, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., <i>Dean, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Executive Medical Director for NSU Health</i>
Opening Remarks.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Introduction to Commencement Speaker.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Conferring of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Commencement Address.....	Conor Delaney, M.D., M.Ch., Ph.D., FRCSI, FACS, FASCRS, FRCSI (Hon), <i>President, Cleveland Clinic Florida Region</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Conferral of Degrees.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Presentation of Oaths.....	Wording is in the back of the program
Anesthesia.....	Gregg Mastropolo, M.M.Sc., CAA
Physician Assistant.....	Diana Cherkiss, M.M.S., PA-C
Closing Remarks.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Dismissal of the Commencement.....	Grand Marshal Jackie Hinckley, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, <i>Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine's Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Rehabilitative Sciences</i>
Recessional	

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

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?

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

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 praise 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!

CANDIDATES

DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE'S DR. PALLAVI PATEL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
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Commencement Address.....	Christopher M. Caddy, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., FRCS, Ed(Plast), FCS(SA)
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Conferral of Degrees.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
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Occupational Therapy	Linda Frasier, O.T.D., OTR/L, CLT, CAPS, CEAS, SHSS
Closing Remarks.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
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AUGUST 15, 2025
MORNING CEREMONY

CONOR DELANEY, M.CH., PH.D., FRCSI, FACS, FASCRS, FRCSI (HON), is a distinguished leader in medicine, innovation, and global health who currently serves as president of the Cleveland Clinic Florida Region, where his leadership shapes the future of healthcare delivery and innovation. Prior to this role, he chaired the Digestive Disease and Surgery Institute, advancing surgical excellence and patient care on a global scale.

Delaney has held presidencies in several prestigious organizations, including the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, the International Society of Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery, and the Midwest Surgical Association. His commitment to advancing surgical education and healthcare innovation is further reflected in his role as the Robert and Suzanne Tomsich Distinguished Chair in Healthcare Innovation.

A prolific scholar and educator, Delaney has delivered more than 470 invited lectures around the world. He has also authored 17 books and published more than 420 scientific manuscripts. His work has transformed the fields of colorectal surgery, laparoscopic techniques, and perioperative care, and his influence extends across continents and generations of medical professionals.

Delaney's career is a testament to the power of knowledge, compassion, and leadership in service to humanity.

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AFTERNOON CEREMONY

CHRISTOPHER M. CADDY, B.SC., M.B., CH.B., FRCS, ED(PLAST), FCS(SA)'s career spans plastic, reconstructive, and aesthetic surgery, with advanced training across four continents. This global exposure to diverse educational systems and healthcare models shaped his development as a clinician, educator, researcher, and leader. His professional journey has been defined by a commitment to excellence in service delivery, academic mentorship, and transformational leadership. He paved the way for others, fostering an environment where creativity, innovation, and purpose flourish.

Appointed as a scholar-in-residence at Nova Southeastern University—the first under President Harry K. Moon's administration—Caddy will help to encourage introspection and multidisciplinary decision-making, urging each of us to “always let your conscience be your guide.”

He will play a strategic role in cultivating intellectual discourse, driving institutional innovation, and expanding leadership capacity across the university. Caddy's focus will be on strengthening NSU's global presence and academic influence through thought leadership, collaborative networks, and active participation in national and international conferences.

OATHS

ANESTHESIA OATH

I hereby solemnly swear in the presence of all assembled today to carry out, to the best of my abilities, the following oath:

I will strive to reduce the suffering of my patients at all times and never will I use my skills to knowingly cause injury or for any wrongdoing.

I will treat all patients with equal energy and respect for their diversity while safeguarding their privacy and honoring their right of autonomy.

I will work to be an exemplary ambassador of the anesthesiologist assistant profession and will always work to strengthen its place in the healthcare team.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OATH

In accepting the privileges and rights afforded by this degree, I accept the following responsibilities inherent in my commitments to my practice, my profession, and society. I hereby pledge to the following:

I will hold my knowledge in trust for the good of those whom I serve.

I will endeavor to keep both the profession and the occupational needs of the clients and communities I serve foremost in my thoughts and actions.

I will deliver occupational therapy services that demonstrate excellence at all levels of care while valuing and honoring diversity and respecting others as equals.

I will advocate for needed services and the rights of clients, their caregivers, and communities to support needed services and the rights of clients to live life to their fullest, regardless of the constraints I may face.

I will strive to always act in a manner that is consistent with the philosophical base and values of the profession by upholding the occupational therapy Code of Ethics, abiding with those in need of care, even in the face of personal risk, and upholding the dignity of all human beings, regardless of their condition.

I will model and foster leadership and facilitate spiritual, personal, and professional growth for myself, my profession, and others.

I will uphold the ethical and moral standards of Nova Southeastern University by being committed to building a global human community of justice, respect, and mutual concern through scholarship, lifelong learning, and competency.

OATHS

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.

I will work with other members of the healthcare team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.

AUTOGRAPHS

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. 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 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 also 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 degree 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 doctoral 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.

COLOR OF HOODS

The colors found on the hoods worn in the academic procession represent the candidate's discipline of study.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Accounting, Business.....	Drab
Biomedical Sciences	Gold
Clinical Vision Research	Aqua
Dentistry	Lilac
Developmental Disabilities	Citron
Education.....	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Medicine.....	Kelly Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy	Rhodes Blue
Optometry	Mint Green
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy, Political Science.....	Dark Blue
Public Administration, Human Services, Physical Therapy, and Criminal Justice.....	Peacock
Public Health	Salmon
Science	Bright Yellow
Sports Science	Sage Green



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