

# COMMENCEMENT

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY





Dear Graduates,

My heartiest congratulations on your graduation from Nova Southeastern University.

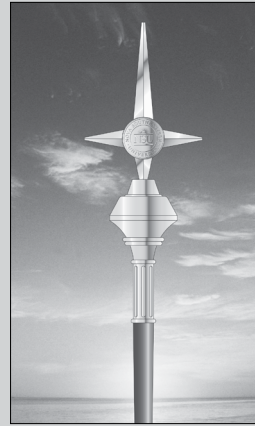
You can feel proud, as we do, that you walk this stage to receive your degree from a world-class university recognized with three Carnegie designations. NSU is an R1 research institution, a Community Engaged Institution, and an Opportunity College and University. These distinctions reflect our commitment to innovation, academic excellence, access, and meaningful impact.

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

Today, you stand at an important moment of transition, ready to step forward into your next chapter and toward new horizons. We celebrate you, your family, and all that you have accomplished, and we look forward to following all that you will achieve.

You are what excellence looks like.

Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd  
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## 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

To be recognized as a leading professional-dominant, doctoral research university providing competitive career advantages to its students and fostering alumni and partnership connections.

## NSU'S MISSION

The mission of Nova Southeastern University—a selective, doctoral research university—is to deliver 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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# CEREMONY SCHEDULE

## Undergraduate Degrees

**May 4, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**

Abraham S. Fischler College of Education  
and School of Criminal Justice ..... 5

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Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center ..... 9

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and Dr. Pallavi Patel School of  
Rehabilitative Sciences .....13

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and Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Health Sciences.....13

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing .....13

# OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

**May 4, 2026, at 9:30 a.m**

**Abraham S. Fischler College of Education  
and School of Criminal Justice**

Natalie Ann Bostic, *Elementary Education*  
Rylee Roe-Lipsky, *Exceptional Student Education  
with ESOL Endorsement*

**College of Psychology**

Kyle Casey Fleming, *Psychology*  
Japji Madan, *Neuroscience*

**H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship**

Alisa Hannah Johanna van Deijck, *Accounting*

**May 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m**

**College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity**

Brandon Ryan DeCelle, *Computer Science*  
Arman Gasparyan, *Computer Science*

**Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey  
Oceanographic Research Center**

Maximus Alexis Klein, *Mathematics*  
Olivia L. Knerr, *Dance*

**Shepard Broad College of Law**

Ari D. Allon, *Law*  
Montinique Van Staden, *Law*

**May 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m**

**Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and Dr. Pallavi  
Patel School of Rehabilitative Sciences**

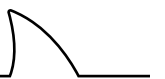
Emily Maria Cabral, *Exercise and Sport Science*  
Alexandra Emilia Jakubiak, *Human Nutrition*

**Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine and Dr. Pallavi  
Patel School of Health Sciences**

Jamia Robinson, *Medical Sonography*

**Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing**

Donesha Miller, *Nursing*  
Chantal Jenna Khodarkovsky, *Nursing*



# ORDER OF EXERCISES

May 4, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

*Undergraduate Degrees from the*  
**Abraham S. Fischler College of Education  
and School of Criminal Justice**  
**College of Psychology**  
**H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business  
and Entrepreneurship**

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Grand Marshal  
Degree Candidates  
Members of the Faculty  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Distinguished Guests  
University Officials

### Processional:

*Entry of the Guests*, from *Tannhäuser*, by Richard Wagner  
*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1* by Edward Elgar

Presiding Officer.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
Presentation of the Colors.....	Nova Southeastern University ARMY ROTC
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> .....	William J. Adams, D.M.A., <i>Vocalist, Professor,</i> <i>Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the</i> <i>Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i>
Convening the Commencement	
Grand Marshal .....	Jamie Tartar, Ph.D., <i>Department Chair and Professor,</i> <i>College of Psychology</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President,</i> <i>Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and</i> <i>Interim Senior Vice President for Research</i>
Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice .....	Marcelo Castro, Ph.D., <i>Associate Dean</i>
College of Psychology .....	Karen Grosby, Ed.D., <i>Dean</i>
H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship .....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Interim Dean</i>
Opening Remarks.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Recognition of Honors College and Honor Society Graduates.....	Aileen Miyuki Farrar, Ph.D., <i>Associate Professor,</i> <i>Program Director, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences</i> <i>and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i>
Student Speaker .....	Carleah Felecia Patricia Culmer, <i>Class of '26</i>
Conferring of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Commencement Address.....	Leland C. (Lee) Pillsbury, <i>Entrepreneur,</i> <i>Hospitality Innovator, and Venture Capital Leader</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Conferral of Degrees .....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Closing Remarks.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Dismissal of the Commencement .....	Grand Marshal Jamie Tartar, Ph.D.

### Recessional:

*Triumphal March*, from *Aida*, by Giuseppe Verdi

## 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

### ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

##### Child Development

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 Lara Dubrow  
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 Samentha Lucy Metayer  
 Sarahlee Orphe  
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## COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

May 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

*Undergraduate Degrees from the*  
**College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity**  
**Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the**  
**Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center**  
**Shepard Broad College of Law**

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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Distinguished Guests  
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Processional:

*Entry of the Guests, from Tannhäuser, by Richard Wagner*

*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Edward Elgar*

Presiding Officer.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
Presentation of the Colors.....	Nova Southeastern University ARMY ROTC
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> .....	William J. Adams, D.M.A., <i>Vocalist, Professor,</i> <i>Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the</i> <i>Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i>
Convening the Commencement	
Grand Marshals .....	Jose Victor Lopez, Ph.D., <i>Professor, Halmos College of Arts and</i> <i>Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i> Catherine Arcabascio, J.D., <i>Professor,</i> <i>Shepard Broad College of Law</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President,</i> <i>Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and</i> <i>Interim Senior Vice President for Research</i>
College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity.....	Meline Kevorkian, Ed.D., <i>Dean, Senior Vice President for</i> <i>Academic Affairs and Associate Provost</i>
Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center .....	Robin Cooper, Ph.D., <i>Dean</i>
Shepard Broad College of Law .....	Olympia Ross Duhart, J.D., <i>Dean</i>
Opening Remarks.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Opening Remarks.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Recognition of Honors College and Honor Society Graduates.....	Aileen Miyuki Farrar, Ph.D., <i>Associate Professor,</i> <i>Program Director, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences</i> <i>and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i>
Student Speaker .....	Ayush P. Desai, <i>Class of '26</i>
Commencement Address.....	Guy Harvey, Ph.D., <i>Marine Scientist, Conservationist,</i> <i>and Renowned Ocean Artist</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Conferral of Degrees .....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Closing Remarks.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Dismissal of the Commencement .....	Grand Marshals Jose Victor Lopez, Ph.D. Catherine Arcabascio, J.D.

Recessional:

*Triumphal March, from Aida, by Giuseppe Verdi*

**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!

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

May 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

## *Undergraduate Degrees from the*

**Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and  
Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Rehabilitative Sciences**

**Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine and  
Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Health Sciences**

**Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing**

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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Distinguished Guests  
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### Processional:

*Entry of the Guests*, from *Tannhäuser*, by Richard Wagner  
*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1* by Edward Elgar

Presiding Officer.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
Presentation of the Colors.....	Nova Southeastern University ARMY ROTC
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> .....	William J. Adams, D.M.A., <i>Vocalist, Professor, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i>
Convening the Commencement	
Grand Marshal.....	Kristi Messer, D.H.Sc., M.P.H., M.S.W., LCSW, <i>Assistant Dean/Associate Professor, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President, Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and Interim Senior Vice President for Research</i>
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Rehabilitative Sciences .....	Phyllis Joy Filker, D.M.D., M.P.H., <i>Executive Associate Dean</i>
Dr. Kiran Patel College of Allopathic Medicine and Dr. Pallavi Patel School of Health Sciences .....	Chad Perlyn, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., <i>Dean</i>
Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing.....	Stefanie La Manna, Ph.D., M.P.H., A.P.R.N., FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, <i>Dean and Associate Professor</i>
Opening Remarks.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Recognition of Honors College and Honor Society Graduates.....	Aileen Miyuki Farrar, Ph.D., <i>Associate Professor, Program Director, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i>
Student Speaker .....	Tasfia Tazri Howlader, <i>Class of '26</i>
Introduction to Commencement Speaker.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Commencement Address.....	Daniel Coyle, <i>New York Times-Bestselling Author and Expert on High Performance and Culture</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Conferral of Degrees.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Closing Remarks.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Dismissal of the Commencement .....	Grand Marshal Kristi Messer, D.H.Sc., M.P.H., M.S.W., LCSW

### Recessional:

*Triumphal March*, from *Aida*, by Giuseppe Verdi

## 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!

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# UNDERGRADUATE AWARD RECIPIENTS

## MORNING CEREMONY

May 4, 2026

### Student Commencement Speaker

**Carleah Felecia Patricia Culmer** is a senior at Nova Southeastern University. As a member of the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy, she majors in finance with double minors in economics and venture creation. Originally from Eleuthera, she began her college journey with a strong sense of determination to grow both academically and personally. At 19 years old, Carleah represents resilience and a commitment to making the most of every opportunity.

During her time at NSU, Carleah became actively involved on campus, taking leadership roles in organizations such as the Caribbean Student Association, the Financial Management Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Marketing Association, and eventually the Bahamian Student Association, which she founded this past year. Through these experiences, she developed strong skills in leadership, teamwork, and, most importantly, community building.

These values have defined her college experience and dedication to excellence both inside and outside the classroom. Being selected as a commencement speaker reflects her contributions and impact within the university community. As she prepares to graduate, Carleah hopes to inspire her fellow graduates to embrace their journey, stay confident in their purpose, and step forward with courage into the next chapter of their lives.

### Outstanding Students

#### ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Natalie Ann Bostic** is from Miami, Florida, and is graduating from Nova Southeastern University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, along with ESOL and Reading endorsements. Throughout her time at NSU, Natalie has demonstrated a strong

commitment to academic excellence, earning recognition as a Dean's Scholar multiple times, receiving the Top Gun Award twice, and being selected as a Razor's Edge Scholarship recipient.

As a member of the Fischler Academy and Shark Teach program, Natalie actively engaged in leadership and service. She served in executive board roles on both the Social and Pre-Professional Committees, where she collaborated with peers to plan events and enhance the student experience. Over the course of three years, she also brought multiple volunteer opportunities to the Fischler Academy through her involvement with the nonprofit organization Prestige Club Broward. Additionally, she was a member of the planning team for the 2024 and 2025 Teachers for Tomorrow Conference held at NSU.

Natalie completed a 12-week, full-time teaching internship in a third-grade classroom, where she designed and implemented differentiated, data-driven instruction to meet the needs of a diverse group of learners. During her internship, she successfully adapted to changes such as the addition of new students mid-semester while maintaining a structured and engaging learning environment. She also gained over 100 hours of practicum experience across grades one through five and worked as a substitute teacher, strengthening her instructional flexibility and classroom management skills.

Beyond the classroom, Natalie worked at the NSU Military Affairs and Veterans Resource Center, where she supported student services and event coordination. She also participated in a study abroad experience in France through her program and completed an international teaching internship in Taiwan through Ivy Collegiate Academy. These experiences expanded her global perspective and strengthened her ability to support diverse learners.

Following graduation, Natalie plans to begin her career as an elementary educator, where she hopes to create an inclusive, structured, and engaging classroom environment that supports both academic growth and student confidence.

**Rylee Roe-Lipsky** is majoring in Exceptional Student Education with an ESOL endorsement. Originally from Newtown, Pennsylvania, she has developed a strong foundation in

her academics, leadership, and hands-on experience while preparing to support students with diverse learning and behavioral needs. Her work reflects a deep commitment to supporting neurodivergent students.

During her time at NSU, Rylee has been actively involved in several academic and leadership programs, including the Razor's Edge Leadership Scholars Program, Razor's Edge Shark Teach, and the Fischler Academy. These experiences have strengthened her instructional practices and deepened her ability to meet the needs of a wide range of learners. She further broadened her perspective through a study abroad experience in Sweden, where she taught in an elementary school and gained valuable insight into international education systems. Additionally, she completed three practicums totaling over 100 hours across elementary, middle, and high school settings, building a better understanding of student development across grade levels.

Rylee has demonstrated strong leadership through her involvement in student organizations. She served as president and social media chair of Pawsitivity, served as the member-at-large chair and 5K chair within Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, and held a leadership role as a Panhellenic Council Rho Gamma. She has also been an active member and treasurer of Best Buddies, supporting inclusive opportunities for individuals of all ages with disabilities. In addition, she participated in Campus Cup volleyball and flag football, Dive Club, Tennis and Run Club, and earned her open-water scuba diving certification.

Professionally, Rylee worked as a videographer and editor for Mako Media, where she strengthened her communication and creative skills. She completed her 12-week student teaching placement at Sheridan Technical High School, supporting 18- to 22-year-old neurodivergent students in a life skills and career placement program.

Following graduation, Rylee plans to teach in an Extended School Year program supporting students with intellectual, physical, behavioral, speech, and emotional needs. Her long-term goal is to teach special education on a military base in Europe or Japan through the Department of Defense Education Activity, where she hopes to make a lasting impact on students and their families.

# UNDERGRADUATE AWARD RECIPIENTS

## COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

**Kyle Casey Fleming** is a student at Nova Southeastern University, majoring in psychology with minors in behavioral neuroscience and honors transdisciplinary studies. Born and raised in Hollywood, Kyle has taken full advantage of the resources at NSU to build the foundation for his future career as a psychologist. Throughout his undergraduate career, Kyle has remained engaged, inquisitive, and passionate both in and out of the classroom.

Serving a dual role as a lab coordinator and research assistant under Dr. Justin Landy, Kyle has had the opportunity to lead others in the pursuit of scholarly growth while gaining intimate experience with psychological research. This year, he presented his research on the cognitive processes involved in moral reasoning at academic conferences in New Orleans and Jacksonville, for which he was awarded two departmental grants. He presented the same work at the NSU Undergraduate Student Symposium, where his presentation was awarded second place in its category.

Additionally, Kyle has gained invaluable exposure to clinical work through his undergraduate practicum at the NSU Neuropsychology Assessment Center. While there, Kyle developed a love for neuropsychological assessment and a keen interest in understanding the mind-brain connection, while continuing to build practical clinical skills. This insight has deepened his appreciation for the impact psychologists have on his broader community.

Kyle has maintained a spot on the dean's list since 2024, and this year he was inducted into Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology. He was also a member of the inaugural cohort of a program called PsychLink, where he learned about various specialty areas in clinical psychology through interactive sessions led by experts in their respective fields. In his time at NSU, Kyle has learned to seek opportunities outside of the classroom that strengthen his academic and professional confidence.

After graduating, Kyle plans to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology to build a career that bridges compassion with scientific inquiry. In the meantime, he will be taking a year to gain more research experience and refine his scholarly interests in preparation for rigorous graduate studies.

**Japji Madan** is a student at Nova Southeastern University pursuing a degree in neuroscience on the pre-medical track, with a strong interest in clinical medicine, behavioral research, and community health. Originally from Toronto, Japji has taken full advantage of the opportunities at NSU to grow both academically and professionally.

During her time at NSU, Japji has been actively involved in student leadership and academic support roles. She serves as a peer leader, where she supports students in navigating course material and fosters a collaborative learning environment. In addition, she works as a writing fellow at the university's Writing Center, assisting peers in developing strong academic writing skills. She has also served as vice president of multiple student organizations, where she worked to increase engagement and build a sense of community on campus. In addition to academics and leadership, Japji is committed to community service, reflecting her dedication to making a meaningful impact both locally and globally.

Japji has been involved in two different research labs, including work in neuropharmacology and psychology. Through these faculty-mentored experiences, she has gained hands-on exposure to research and strengthened her analytical and critical thinking skills. Japji has been recognized for academic excellence through multiple semesters on the dean's list and other university honors. Balancing academics, leadership, and service, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic and passion for helping others.

Following graduation, Japji plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as a physician, with the goal of integrating medicine, wellness, and compassionate patient care.

## H. WAYNE HUIZENGA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Alisa Hannah Johanna van Deijck**, a proud Dutch citizen, graduates with two degrees in Accounting and Marketing. A consistent dean's list honoree, she transferred into NSU carrying experience across a breadth of disciplines—from the arts to the sciences—with the belief that the most magical ideas emerge when people and fields come together. Driven by a desire to learn as much from her community as from any textbook, she immediately immersed herself in every dimension of university life, both academically and professionally.

Alisa was a charter member of Beta Alpha Psi, the international honor society for accounting, finance, and information students, serving as Inter-Organizational Council Chair during its founding period in 2023, before becoming president of the Omicron Gamma Chapter upon its official establishment in 2024. She organized professional development events, cultivated relationships with faculty and industry partners, and built a community where students could grow beyond the classroom. Concurrently, she also helped revive the American Marketing Association chapter on campus as a charter member and vice president.

Equally committed to the broader student experience, she served as Public Relations Chair for S.E.A. Board from January 2024 to June 2025—NSU's primary event programming body—designing marketing campaigns, spearheading new initiatives, and helping execute large-scale campus events. Consistently contributing far beyond her formal hours, she was recognized in 2025 as Chair of the Year for her contributions. When she wasn't on campus bringing ideas to life, she was tutoring peers in accounting coursework, driven by a genuine passion for the field and a desire to help all.

An advocate for interdisciplinary learning, Alisa was invited to participate in NSU's Honors in Major Program as an honorary member in her final year, in recognition of the depth and rigor she brought to her studies. This cross-disciplinary curiosity defines how she approaches every problem: with openness, precision, and a desire to be a lifelong learner.

Professionally, Alisa was selected to attend Deloitte University in 2024, a distinction reserved for top-performing students in the field, and completed an internship with BDO in 2025. After graduation, she will pursue a Master of Accounting degree at Stetson University, with plans to sit for the CPA exam and build a career in forensic accounting or internal audit—specialties where her drive to keep learning meets a deep commitment to serving the public good.

## AFTERNOON CEREMONY

May 4, 2026

### Student Commencement Speaker

**Ayush P. Desai**, from Edison, is graduating from Nova Southeastern University with a major in biology and minors in psychology, pre-health, and honors transdisciplinary studies. A student in NSU's dual admission Doctor of Dental Medicine program and the Farquhar Honors College, Ayush has earned dean's list recognition every semester, along with the Dean's Scholarship, Shark Success Scholarship, Weil Charitable Foundation Scholarship, and Honors College Scholarship.

Throughout his undergraduate career, Ayush has been deeply involved in research, service, and leadership. He conducted porphyrin chemistry research under Maria Ballester, Ph.D., presenting his work at the NSU Undergraduate Student Symposium and the American Chemical Society Conference in New Orleans. He also led an honors thesis under Jayson Forbes, Ph.D., titled "Developing and Validating a Dental Patient Experience Survey," focused on improving how dental clinics assess patient care, communication, and overall patient experience.

On campus, Ayush founded and serves as president of NSU's American Red Cross Chapter, served as co-president of AAHANA Dental Club, vice president of the Gujarati Student Union, a member of Delta Epsilon Mu Pre-Health Fraternity, and a member of the Honors Student Advisory Board. He also worked as a physics lab assistant and academic tutor at NSU's Tutoring and Testing Center.

After graduation, Ayush will attend The University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, where he hopes to continue pursuing his passion for compassionate patient care, service, and improving experiences in dentistry.

### Outstanding Students

#### COLLEGE OF COMPUTING, AI, AND CYBERSECURITY

**Brandon Ryan DeCelle** is a student at Nova Southeastern University majoring in computer science with a minor in artificial intelligence

applications. Born and raised in South Florida, he has taken full advantage of opportunities at NSU to grow academically, professionally, and as a contributor to the university community.

During his time at NSU, Brandon has been actively involved in academic support and student success initiatives. For seven semesters, he has served as a senior supplemental instructor and course tutor, leading structured learning sessions and providing individualized support to students across a range of computing courses. Through these experiences, he has developed strong communication and mentorship skills while helping students strengthen their problem-solving abilities and confidence in technical subjects. In these roles, he has also worked alongside faculty to support student success in computer science courses.

Brandon has also been involved in campus life through participation in student organizations, including esports and computing-related clubs. His involvement has allowed him to collaborate with peers, contribute to team initiatives, and support a strong and engaging campus community.

In addition to his academic and campus involvement, Brandon has pursued hands-on professional experience through multiple internships across organizations with diverse technical focuses. These roles have provided exposure to real-world development environments, strengthened his ability to approach complex problems, and reinforced the importance of adaptability and continuous learning.

Brandon has been recognized for academic excellence through consistent placement on the dean's list and other university honors. Throughout his undergraduate career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to growth, reliability, and meaningful contribution across academic, professional, and collaborative settings.

Following graduation, he plans to pursue a career in software engineering, with a focus on developing efficient, high-performance systems that solve complex problems.

**Arman Gasparyan** is a graduating student at Nova Southeastern University, earning a dual bachelor of science in computer science, with honors, and mathematics. Originally from Armenia, Arman has been an active and committed member of the NSU community since his very first year on campus.

That commitment showed early through his work as a Shark Preview Leader, where he helped prospective students and their families discover what NSU had to offer. Inspired by that experience, he went on to serve as an Orientation Coordinator and later as a Student Engagement Coordinator, a role he held for three years, supporting campus programming and fostering a strong sense of belonging. His dedication to both his community and his academics earned him the Student of the Year award for the College of Computing, AI, and Cybersecurity.

Equally driven in his professional development, Arman completed two software engineering internships that gave him the hands-on experience and technical foundation needed to launch a career in the field. That same desire to make an impact brought him to Dillard Elementary School, where he volunteers and leads the school's robotics team, introducing young students to engineering and creative problem-solving.

Throughout his time at NSU, Arman has earned numerous academic honors, including consistent recognition on the dean's list and the distinction of completing his computer science degree with honors. As he prepares to move to California to pursue his dream in tech, he takes with him the experiences, friendships, and values that made these four years so meaningful.

#### HALMOS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GUY HARVEY OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CENTER

**Maximus Alexis Klein** is a mathematics major at Nova Southeastern University, with minors in applied statistics, data analytics, and business. Originally from Denver, he has built an undergraduate career defined by research, leadership, and a genuine commitment to his community.

As a Presidential Scholar, Maximus has served as a mentor for underclassmen and contributed to the Environmental Awareness and Community Garden Committee, demonstrating a commitment to his campus community that extends well beyond the classroom.

Maximus's research has been a defining part of his undergraduate experience. Working under the mentorship of Dr. Lei Cao, he conducted research on soccer tournament matrices, applying advanced combinatorial methods

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to competitive sports structures. His work was selected for presentation at ASPIRE 2025 at Florida Gulf Coast University, where he shared his findings with a regional audience of scholars and faculty.

Beyond research, Maximus has been a prominent leader in fraternity and sorority life at NSU. He served as a founding father in the reestablishment of Kappa Sigma in 2024, helping rebuild the chapter from the ground up. He went on to serve as vice president in Spring 2025 and was elected chapter president for Fall 2025, a testament to the trust and respect he has earned from his peers.

Taking full advantage of NSU's location on the water, Maximus earned his Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver certifications through the university, along with four additional specialty certifications.

Throughout his undergraduate career, Maximus has been recognized on the dean's list for consistent academic excellence.

Following graduation, he plans to continue his work in sports analytics and data science, building on his experience at Pickle Pro Labs, where he has applied his quantitative skills to equipment testing and performance data. He has a long-term goal of developing innovative analytical tools at the intersection of mathematics and athletics.

## SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW

**Ari D. Allon** is a highly motivated student at Nova Southeastern University pursuing a degree in law with a minor in philosophy. Hailing from Pittsburgh, Ari had the honor of being accepted to NSU as both a Presidential Scholar and a dual admission student for Nova's Shepard Broad College of Law. Ari has taken the opportunities offered to him by Nova to greatly enhance his leadership, public speaking, and research skills.

Ari is most proud of his extensive extracurricular work at Nova's law school. His most active role was being an award-winning competitor on Nova's Undergraduate Moot Court Team, which participates in national competitions where students argue mock Supreme Court cases before a panel of legal professionals. Ari also was able to serve on the boards of both undergraduate legal organizations on campus: he was the IOC chair for Phi Alpha Delta and the philanthropy chair of Pre-Law Society.

Many of Ari's other legal extracurriculars surrounded his interest in enhancing his research skills. The aforementioned moot court role involved him fully researching case law and devising presentable legal arguments. Ari also served as a legal research assistant on multiple law review articles published by Nova faculty, which he was able to do through the two legal research certifications he received while at NSU. Finally, Ari wrote his own soon-to-be-published law review article analyzing and critiquing a recent Supreme Court decision.

Outside of the legal realm, Ari has contributed to the vibrant college experience that Nova provides. He has performed in the annual Improv Jam for each of his three years on campus. Ari has also been the enthusiastic co-host for the STUEYs three times running alongside his colleagues. Finally, Ari can reveal that he served as Nova's own Razor the Shark for one year.

These listed experiences, alongside many others that remain unlisted, have demonstrated Ari's enthusiasm and work ethic during his college journey. He is honored to receive the Outstanding Student Award.

Following graduation, he is attending Shepard Broad College of Law in the fall to continue his journey toward becoming an attorney.

**Montunique Van Staden** is a student at Nova Southeastern University pursuing a degree in law with a minor in criminal justice, along with honors in transdisciplinary studies. Originally from Key West, Montunique has embraced opportunities at NSU to grow as a leader, scholar, and advocate.

As a member of the dual admission program, Montunique is on an accelerated path to earning a Juris Doctor, reflecting her strong commitment to a future in the legal profession. Throughout her undergraduate career, she has remained dedicated to academic excellence, leadership, and professional development.

Montunique has been highly active in student organizations, most notably through her involvement in Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, where she served as recruitment chair and later as president for two years. In these roles, she led organizational growth, strengthened member engagement, and fostered a supportive environment for students pursuing legal careers. She was also a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, where she served as sister development chair, focusing on member development and internal leadership.

In addition to her organizational involvement, Montunique dedicated four years to the Mock Trial Team, serving as team captain during her final year. This experience allowed her to develop strong advocacy, public speaking, and analytical skills while mentoring younger members. She has also served as a peer leader for three years, supporting first-year students in their transition to college and helping build a strong campus community.

Montunique further expanded her professional experience through a summer internship with the State Attorney's Office, where she gained firsthand insight into the legal system and courtroom processes. In addition, she maintained consistent on-campus employment throughout all four years of her undergraduate career, demonstrating strong time management, responsibility, and work ethic while balancing academic and extracurricular commitments.

Following graduation, Montunique plans to attend the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law to earn her Juris Doctor, with the goal of becoming a criminal defense attorney and advocating for justice within the legal system.

## MORNING CEREMONY

May 5, 2026

### *Student Commencement Speaker*

**Tasfia Tazri Howlader** is a first-generation Bangladeshi American who graduated with her associate's degree in business management at 17 and will be graduating today with her bachelor of science in public health with minors in honors research and pre-health at 20 years old. On campus, she held positions with Medical Volunteers, the Muslim Student Association, and PERIOD.NSU. She served as honors advocate for the Farquhar Honors Program and vice president of the Boyd & Rambo Junior Society for the past two years.

Tasfia has also been part of Dr. Regina Graham's research team at the Center for Collaborative Research since 2024, conducting experiments on carbon dots. She is a certified nursing assistant, certified Mental Health First Aider, and certified in Lean Six Sigma White Belt. Tasfia plans to pursue a degree in the medical field, expanding her passion for helping the community and bridging the gaps present in healthcare.

## Outstanding Students

### DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND DR. PALLAVI PATEL SCHOOL OF REHABILITATIVE SCIENCES

**Emily Maria Cabral** is a well-rounded student who has demonstrated dedication, discipline, and excellence both in and out of the classroom, as well as on the field. Graduating from Nova Southeastern University with a bachelor of science in exercise science and a minor in global engagement, she has fully embraced opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth. Originally from Southampton Parish, Emily is a member of the Farquhar Honors Society, reflecting her strong commitment to academic excellence.

During her time at NSU, Emily developed a passion for research. Under the mentorship of Dr. Pradeep Vanguri, she conducted a study examining brain function, personality types, and soccer penalty kick performance in female collegiate athletes. She presented her research at the NSU Undergraduate Student Symposium (2025) and at the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Regional Conference (2026), where she earned second place among undergraduate researchers.

Beyond research, Emily contributed to her academic community as an undergraduate writing consultant and an anatomy and physiology laboratory assistant, supporting fellow students in strengthening their communication skills and understanding of complex concepts. Her commitment to service is further demonstrated through her involvement in community outreach and global engagement initiatives focused on education, health, and empowerment.

Emily has also been a dedicated campus leader. She served as senior co-captain of the NSU women's Division II soccer team, exemplifying leadership, discipline, and teamwork. In addition, she was president of the Exercise Science Student Organization and a member of the Razor's Edge Global Scholars program, promoting diversity and community engagement.

Throughout her collegiate career as a student-athlete, Emily demonstrated resilience and determination by overcoming significant injuries that required multiple surgeries. These experiences deepened her interest in rehabilitation and inspired her pursuit of a career in physical therapy.

Following graduation, Emily plans to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Florida, with the goal of giving back to her community through patient care and rehabilitation.

**Alexandra (Ally) Emilia Jakubiak** is a high-achieving student at Nova Southeastern University pursuing a degree in human nutrition, with minors in health and wellness coaching and public health. Originally from Cumberland, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and professional development.

During her time at NSU, Ally has been actively involved in numerous student organizations and leadership initiatives that support campus engagement. Her roles include serving as a student ambassador in the President's 64, a student success mentor, a Presidential Scholar, and a peer advocate in the KPCOM Boyd & Rambo Junior Academic Society. Through these experiences, she has developed strong leadership and communication skills while contributing to initiatives that enhance the student experience.

Ally has also pursued valuable experiential learning opportunities, including an independent study project through the Farquhar Honors Program. During her undergraduate Honors in Major project, she explored the profession of a sports dietitian under the mentorship of Dr. Marilyn Gordon. Additionally, she has volunteered within the strength and conditioning department, assisting with the operations of the NSU nutrition room and supporting student-athletes' performance. These experiences have provided practical insight into her field and helped shape her professional goals.

In addition to her academic and leadership pursuits, Ally has been a dedicated student-athlete, competing in NCAA women's cross country and outdoor track for four years. She has served as team captain for the past three seasons and played a key role in leading the program to its first Sunshine State Conference Championship title during the 2024 cross country season. She also served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, acting as a liaison between student-athletes and administrators while promoting community engagement and service.

Throughout her time at NSU, Ally has earned numerous academic honors, including consistent dean's list recognition, the Fall

Commissioner's Honor Roll, and the Dean's Award (2026). She has also achieved athletic distinction with All-SSC First-Team honors in 2023 and second-team honors in 2024.

Following graduation, Ally plans to pursue the M.S.-RDN program at NSU and work toward becoming a registered sports dietitian, combining her passions for nutrition and athletics to make a lasting impact in her field.

### DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE AND DR. PALLAVI PATEL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**Jamia Robinson** is a 24-year-old dual-degree student at Nova Southeastern University, pursuing a bachelor of science in diagnostic medical sonography and a master of health science. In 2021, she earned a bachelor of science in microbiology from University of South Florida, establishing a strong academic foundation rooted in scientific rigor and compassionate, patient-centered care.

Her journey in healthcare has been shaped by diverse clinical experiences in high-acuity settings, including roles as a medical assistant in radiation oncology and a patient unit coordinator in a cardiopulmonary intensive care unit. In these environments, she developed a reputation for composure under pressure, strong clinical judgment, and meaningful patient interaction. As a graduate assistant within the College of Allopathic Medicine, she further demonstrated leadership by co-facilitating multi-college initiatives and supporting administrative operations.

At NSU, Jamia has distinguished herself as a student leader and advocate for service. As secretary of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Student Government Association, she has supported organizational growth, student engagement, and community outreach initiatives. Her leadership and commitment to the profession were further recognized through her selection into the highly competitive 2026 cohort of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Emerging Leaders Program.

Her passion for service extends deeply into her community through involvement with organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women and Big Sister Little Sister, Inc., where she has contributed to mentorship, outreach, and empowerment initiatives. Above

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all, she attributes her strength, purpose, and perseverance to her faith in God, which has been the guiding foundation of her journey. Through over a decade of service at her church as youth department president and Sunday school instructor, she has mentored and inspired the next generation with a message rooted in faith, discipline, and service.

In addition to her academic and professional commitments, Jamia is a devoted wife and mother. Balancing family life while pursuing dual degrees reflects her resilience, intentionality, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Following graduation, she plans to continue advancing within the field of diagnostic medical sonography while striving to make a meaningful impact in healthcare and the communities she serves.

## **RON AND KATHY ASSAF COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Donesha Miller** is a nursing graduate from Nova Southeastern University, recognized for her academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to service. Her journey into nursing is rooted in a long-standing passion for healthcare and a deep desire to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

Before entering nursing, Donesha began her career in health education, where she developed a strong foundation in community outreach and patient advocacy. While that work was fulfilling, she felt called to expand her impact through direct patient care. As a wife and mother, she faced the challenge of balancing family responsibilities with the demands of returning to school. Through perseverance, discipline, and a clear sense of purpose, she created the time and space to pursue her goal of becoming a nurse.

Throughout her program, Donesha maintained strong academic performance while gaining hands-on clinical experience as a nurse extern on a progressive care/telemetry unit. There, she supported the care of high-acuity patients, strengthened her clinical judgment, and learned to remain steady and focused in fast-paced, high-pressure environments. Her dedication earned her recognition as an outstanding student, graduation with honors, and induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Service has remained central to her journey. Throughout her program, Donesha completed more than 120 hours with the American Red

Cross, supporting and training in emergency preparedness, community outreach, and veteran-focused initiatives. She also volunteered at a Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic and nursing home, where she provided hands-on support, companionship, and meaningful connections to those she served. She engaged with professional organizations, including the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, the National Student Nurses Association, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the National Black Nurses Association.

As she graduates, Donesha carries forward not only the knowledge and skills she has gained but also the resilience, sacrifice, and purpose that shaped her journey. She is committed to providing compassionate, patient-centered care and to showing up for every patient and family with the same dedication that brought her to this moment.

**Chantal Jenna Khodarkovsky** is a nursing student at Nova Southeastern University, where she is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing. Originally from Brooklyn, she has long been motivated by a desire to help underserved and vulnerable populations, a value that continues to guide her path in healthcare.

During her time at NSU, Chantal has earned recognition on the dean's list multiple times and has received several academic awards and scholarships. As a first-generation college graduate, she takes pride in the resilience and determination that have helped her navigate the challenges of a rigorous nursing program.

Chantal's background in competitive ballroom dancing helped shape her discipline, focus, and ability to stay composed under pressure, qualities that have supported her growth both academically and in clinical settings. Through her hospital experiences, she has developed an interest in critical care and values the opportunity to support patients during some of their most vulnerable moments. The critical thinking and problem-solving skills she learned throughout nursing school help her excel in both clinical and professional settings.

After graduation, Chantal plans to begin her career as a registered nurse in a critical care environment. She hopes to later return to school to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, with the goal of contributing to the education and mentorship of future nurses in hopes of giving them the confidence to be great health care professionals.

She remains grounded in her commitment to compassionate care and is grateful for the continued support of her professors and family, who have played an important role in her journey.

## DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

### *Commencement Speakers*

#### UNDERGRADUATE

#### MAY 4, 2026—MORNING CEREMONY

**LELAND C. PILLSBURY** is an entrepreneur and investor whose work has helped shape the modern global hospitality and travel industry. A Cornell University graduate and former Marriott executive, he built one of the industry's most successful hotel real estate investment platforms before launching a leading venture capital firm focused on travel and technology.

During his nearly 20 year career at Marriott International, Pillsbury became the company's youngest executive vice president, pioneering innovations including the first hotel revenue management system and the industry's first large-scale guest loyalty program. Pillsbury left Marriott to cofound Thayer Lodging Group and Thayer Ventures and helped launch 15 companies. In these roles, he oversaw multibillion dollar hotel real estate portfolios, served as chairman or director of major hospitality companies, and supported ventures that have influenced how organizations understand and serve their customers.

Pillsbury has said that the heart of strong entrepreneurial education "provides individuals with the concepts and skills to recognize opportunities that others have overlooked and to act where others have hesitated." This philosophy guides his work with students and founders. He believes leadership is built on a strong team mindset, practical collaborative skills, and high emotional intelligence. Pillsbury has been a university trustee, visiting professor, and mentor. Additionally, he was honored as Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year in 2016 and was inducted into Nova Southeastern University's Entrepreneur and Business Hall of Fame in 2025.

#### MAY 4, 2026—AFTERNOON CEREMONY

**GUY HARVEY, PH.D.**, is a world renowned marine artist and conservationist whose life's work has expanded scientific understanding and inspired global stewardship of our oceans. Since his childhood spent fishing and diving with his parents along the coast of Jamaica, he has pursued a passion for the sea that spans visual storytelling, research, and advocacy, helping protect the blue planet we all depend on.

Harvey's artwork—known for its vivid and scientifically accurate depictions of marine life—has become an iconic expression of ocean conservation. In parallel, he has played a significant role in advancing marine research through his longstanding partnership with Nova Southeastern University, including the establishment of the Guy Harvey Research Institute and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center. These centers advance knowledge that informs conservation policy worldwide and provide NSU students with access to advanced labs, fieldwork, and mentorship, preparing them to become the next generation of marine scientists and conservation leaders. Through the Guy Harvey Foundation, he extends his impact by supporting research, education, and conservation initiatives worldwide. His work reflects a commitment to ensuring future generations understand, value, and protect ocean ecosystems.

Dr. Harvey holds degrees in marine biology from the University of Aberdeen and a Ph.D. in fisheries science from the University of the West Indies. He is a member of NSU's Entrepreneur and Business Hall of Fame and the creator of the iconic marine murals at the Don Taft University Center and the NSU-operated Marine Environmental Education Center at the Carpenter House. He also has been inducted into the IFGA Fishing Hall of Fame, the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame.

# DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

## *Commencement Speakers*

### UNDERGRADUATE

#### MAY 5, 2026—MORNING CEREMONY

**DANIEL COYLE** is a leading voice on human potential whose work reveals how individuals and teams learn, grow, and flourish. A New York Times–bestselling author, he translates complex science into practical insights that shape leadership, culture, and performance across industries. For those entering healthcare or law, his work emphasizes that flourishing is not a luxury but a foundation for sound judgment, effective decision-making, and sustained success.

Coyle's influential books include “The Culture Code”; “The Talent Code”; “The Little Book of Talent”; “The Culture Playbook,” and, most recently, “Flourish: The Art of Building Meaning, Joy, and Fulfillment.” His books have been recognized by outlets such as Bloomberg and Business Insider and have been translated into numerous languages. Through his writing, he distills neuroscience, psychology, and case studies into clear, actionable principles that help individuals and organizations build stronger, more effective habits.

Drawing on research across a wide range of demanding environments—from elite athletes to complex situations that challenge military units, crisis response teams, and corporate executives—Coyle has identified the consistent role of connection, trust, and disciplined practice in driving success. His work highlights how everyday behaviors, such as deep listening, psychological safety, and accountability, can transform both professional performance and personal well-being.

Beyond the page, Coyle serves as an adviser to such organizations as Microsoft and Google, as well as leading schools, firms, and healthcare systems. His behind-the-scenes view of what helps groups perform under pressure also helps leaders build cultures where teams can thrive and people can flourish.

# 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, for example, 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 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 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. The gown 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 Science.....	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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