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Dear Graduates,

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

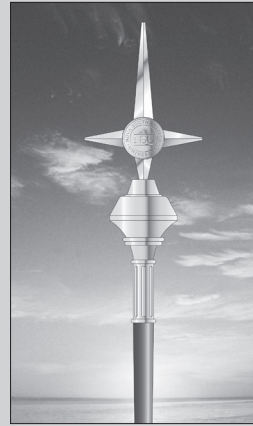
You can feel proud, as we do, that you walk this stage to receive your degree from a world-class, R1 research university that prepares our students for purposeful careers while fostering innovation, opportunity, and community service.

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

Grand Marshal

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Members of the Faculty

Members of the Board of Trustees

Distinguished Guests

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| Processional..... | Crown Imperial by Walton |
| Presiding Officer..... | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, President and Chief Executive Officer |
| NSU ROTC Contingent Presentation of the Colors | |
| National Emblem March (Trio) by E. E. Bagley, arr. Cavanaugh | |
| The Star-Spangled Banner by Key/Smith | |
| Convening the Commencement | |
| Grand Marshals | Richard Carlton Deth, Ph.D., Professor, Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy Charles E. Powell, Ph.D., Professor, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine |
| Welcome and Introductions | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer |
| Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy | Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D., Dean and Professor |
| Dr. Kiran Patel College of Allopathic Medicine..... | Chad A. Perlyn, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; Executive Medical Director for NSU Health; Dean |
| 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 |
| Commencement Address..... | Jimmy Kolker, Ambassador |
| 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 |
| Pharmacist | Georgia Lehoczky, R.Ph., Regional Director, Walgreens Co. |
| Allopathic Medicine | Maria Padilla, M.D., Executive Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine |
| Closing Remarks..... | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D. |
| Dismissal of the Commencement..... | Grand Marshals Richard Carlton Deth, Ph.D. Charles E. Powell, Ph.D. |
| 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!

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**Graduated with honors*

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| 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..... | Jodi Kodish Stav, D.D.S., <i>Assistant Professor,</i> <i>College of Dental Medicine</i> |
| Welcome and Introductions | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President,</i> <i>Provost, and Chief Academic Officer</i> |
| College of Dental Medicine..... | Steven I. Kaltman, D.M.D., M.D., FACS, <i>Dean and Professor</i> |
| College of Optometry | Linda S. Rouse, O.D., M.B.A., FFAO, <i>Dean</i> |
| Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences | Robert Wagner, D.H.Sc., M.M.Sc., CAA, <i>Executive Associate Dean,</i> <i>Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences</i> |
| Opening Remarks | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
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| Presentation of Oaths..... | Wording is in the back of the program |
| Dental Medicine..... | Rashondia Gaines, D.D.S., M.S., <i>Director of Faculty Practice</i> <i>and Co-Director of Clinics</i> |
| Optometric..... | Steven L. Silverstone, O.D., <i>President,</i> <i>Florida Optometric Association</i> |
| Audiology..... | Patricia Gaffney, Au.D., M.P.H., <i>Professor</i> |
| Physical Therapy | Jennifer Canbek, PT, Ph.D., NCS, <i>Program Director,</i> <i>Professional D.P.T.</i> |
| Anesthesia | Jason Kotun, M.H.Sc., CAA, <i>Program Director</i> |
| Closing Remarks..... | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D. |
| Dismissal of the Commencement..... | Grand Marshal Jodi Kodish Stav, D.D.S. |
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May 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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| 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..... | Jani E. Mauer, J.D., <i>Professor, Shepard Broad College of Law</i> |
| Welcome and Introductions | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer</i> |
| Shepard Broad College of Law..... | Olympia Ross Duhart, J.D., <i>Interim Dean</i> |
| Opening Remarks | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
| Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree..... | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
| Introduction to Commencement Speaker | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
| Commencement Address..... | Bruce Rogow, J.D., <i>Professor</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 Jani E. Mauer, J.D. |
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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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Graduate Degrees from the
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

May 15, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

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| Convening the Commencement | |
| Grand Marshal | Barbara Arcos, D.O., <i>Chair and Associate Professor,</i> <i>Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of</i> <i>Osteopathic Medicine</i> |
| Welcome and Introductions | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President,</i> <i>Provost, and Chief Academic Officer</i> |
| Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine..... | Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., Ed.S., M.S. ⁴ , <i>Dean and Professor</i> |
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| Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree..... | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
| Introduction to Commencement Speaker | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
| Commencement Address..... | Robert Hill |
| Presentation of Candidates for Degrees..... | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D. |
| Conferral of Degrees..... | Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd |
| Presentation of Oath..... | Mark Sandhouse, D.O., M.S., <i>Executive Associate Dean</i> |
| Closing Remarks..... | Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D. |
| Dismissal of the Commencement..... | Grand Marshal Barbara Arcos, D.O. |
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What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
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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?

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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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GRADUATE

MAY 9, 2025
MORNING CEREMONY

AMBASSADOR JIMMY KOLKER has made global diplomacy and health policy his life's work. He has dedicated 30 years to the U.S. Department of State, but his commitment extends beyond government service. His leadership and dedication to improving health outcomes in underserved communities has left an indelible mark, impacting the lives of millions around the world.

Kolker graduated *magna cum laude* from Carleton College with a Bachelor of Arts and hold a master's degree in public administration from Harvard Kennedy School. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso from 1999 to 2002 and to Uganda from 2002 to 2005. In these positions, he was instrumental in strengthening bilateral relations and advancing public health initiatives. During Kolker's tenure in Uganda, he played a key role in launching the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a landmark program that has saved millions of lives.

Following Kolker's diplomatic service, he served as deputy global AIDS coordinator from 2005 to 2007, overseeing the implementation of PEPFAR. He then joined UNICEF as chief of the HIV/AIDS Section, focusing on preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV, expanding pediatric treatment, and safeguarding adolescents and young people from HIV/AIDS.

In 2011, Kolker was appointed assistant secretary for global affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He served as the department's chief health diplomat until his retirement in 2017.

Ambassador Jimmy Kolker has served on boards and advisory committees for entities, such as Last Mile Health, the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership, and Texas Children's Hospital's Global HOPE pediatric cancer initiative. He has actively engaged with nongovernmental organizations and foundations to improve world health.

MAY 9, 2025
AFTERNOON CEREMONY

CHAD A. PERLYN, M.D., PH.D., M.B.A., is the executive vice president and chief medical officer at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) and the executive medical director of NSU Health. As such, he directs the university's health care network, including eight colleges focused on education and research, as well as NSU Health, its patient-centered health care system. He is also the dean and a professor at NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine. Perlyn joined NSU in December 2024, after serving as senior vice president at Nicklaus Children's Health System, where he led surgical services, community health, and corporate responsibility.

A distinguished leader in plastic and craniofacial surgery, Perlyn made significant contributions at Nicklaus Children's Health System, which he joined in 2009 as a pediatric plastic surgeon and later served in leadership roles, including president of Nicklaus Children's Pediatric Specialists, medical director of Surgical Services, and chairman of the Ambulatory Surgical Center. He expanded the physician group by 50 percent, led major affiliations, and developed multiple new practice sites and programs. Under his leadership, operational improvements were made, including streamlined patient access, scheduling, and revenue cycle processes. He also spearheaded the opening of the \$180-million Kenneth C. Griffin Surgical Tower, transforming pediatric surgical care in South Florida.

Perlyn is a global health leader, actively involved with the G4 Alliance on surgical care in low- and middle-income countries and collaborating with Partners in Health in Haiti and Kausay Wasi in Peru to improve accessible, affordable health care worldwide. As a board-certified pediatric plastic surgeon, he cares for children with congenital differences and contributes to the field through publications, lectures, and media commentary.

Perlyn earned his M.D. from the University of Miami, completed surgical training at Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and obtained a doctorate in craniofacial molecular biology from the University of Oxford. He also holds an M.B.A. in health care education from the University of Miami's Herbert Business School and a degree in English literature from Northwestern University. A Miami native, Perlyn enjoys ocean activities, marathon running, photography, and travel.

MAY 15, 2025 MORNING CEREMONY

BRUCE ROGOW, J.D., is a distinguished attorney, educator, and advocate who has left an indelible mark on the legal profession. He has dedicated more than 55 years to the legal field, representing governmental entities, public officials, trial and appellate judges, law firms, lawyers, corporations, and countless individuals of public interest. As the founding professor of law at Nova Southeastern University's Law Center, as well as in numerous other educator roles, he has made a profound impact on the education of generations of students and legal professionals.

Rogow graduated from the University of Florida in 1963 with a Juris Doctor degree. He began his career with the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, representing civil rights workers in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana from 1964 to 1966. He then served as a faculty member at the University of Miami and later joined what would become Nova Southeastern University (NSU). At NSU, he taught for 40 years, also serving as co-dean of the Law Center from 1978 to 1979, and as acting dean in 1984.

Throughout Rogow's career, he has argued more than 450 civil and criminal cases in federal and state appellate courts, including 11 landmark cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His legal acumen has led to major victories, including representing Palm Beach County in the 2000 presidential election litigation and securing reversals of multimillion-dollar judgments for major clients.

Rogow's unparalleled achievements have earned him a spot in every edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for more than three decades. His thoughts are frequently requested by the media when a legal opinion is sought.

Rogow's contributions have been recognized in the field with his election as a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers. His outstanding service has earned him numerous accolades, including the Reginald Heber Smith Award, the James C. Adkins Award, recognition as Most Effective Class Action Lawyer, and more.

MAY 15, 2025 AFTERNOON CEREMONY

ROBERT C. HILL, JR., M.P.H., PMP, serves as vice president of community impact for the American Heart Association, where he leads strategic initiatives to create healthier, more equitable communities across Florida. With a Master of Public Health from Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, he has gained more than 15 years of leadership experience in health care promotion, disease prevention, and public health innovation. Hill supports shaping the next generation of professionals by serving as a collaborator and lecturer for the college. His strategic partnerships and advocacy efforts continue to make a meaningful impact on community health, showcasing a dedication to creating healthier, more resilient communities.

Inspired by early experiences witnessing health disparities firsthand, Hill's work continues to be fueled by a simple belief, that collaboration, compassion, and bold ideas can build a future where every person has the opportunity to thrive. Raised with a deep awareness of how health disparities impact real families, his career has been steered by gratitude, empathy, and a love for community. Time and again, he has turned challenges into opportunities—from pivoting educational programs during the pandemic to leading policy wins that reshape the health landscape for thousands.

Hill has been honored as a Rising Star: 40 Under 40 in Florida. He has also been recognized nationally as one of the Most Influential in Health and Wellness. Among his proudest achievements are speaking at briefings on Capitol Hill for children's health and founding the Miami-Dade County Nutrition Security Collaborative, a pioneering effort that brought new resources and sustainable change to local communities.

Hill's belief is simple but powerful. Transformational change comes not only from taking chances and pushing past perceived limits, but also from the small, daily acts of service and collaboration that build lasting bridges between people and opportunity.

OATHS

ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE OATH

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism. I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery. I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm. If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

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 health care team.

AUDIOLOGY OATH

As a Doctor of Audiology, I pledge to practice the art and science of my profession to the best of my ability and to be ethical in conduct.

I will respect and honor my teachers, and also, those who forged the path I freely follow

According to their example, I will continue to expand my knowledge and improve my skills.

I will collaborate with my fellow audiologists and other professionals for the benefit of our patients.

I will, to the best of my ability and judgment, evaluate, manage, and treat my patients.

I will willingly do no harm, but rather always strive to provide care according to the standards of the profession.

I will act to the benefit of those needing care, striving to see that none go untreated.

I will practice when competent to do so, and refer all others to practitioners capable of providing care in keeping with this oath.

I will aspire to personal and professional conduct free from corruption.

I will keep in confidence all information made known to me about my patients.

As a Doctor of Audiology, I agree to be held accountable for any violation of this oath and the ethics of the profession.

While I keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art and science of audiology, respected by all persons, in all times.

DENTAL MEDICINE OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect, and to perform faithfully my professional duties.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation. And I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college, I will be loyal and strive for its best interests and for the interest of the students who will come after me.

I will ever be alert to further the application of basic biological truths and technical advances in my chosen profession, dental medicine.

OATHS

OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I affirm that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics, and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow doctors of optometry and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind as a citizen, as well as a doctor of optometry.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this, my solemn oath and obligation.

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients; to retain their confidence and respect, both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity; to perform faithfully my professional duties; and to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it will be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college, I will be loyal and strive for its best interests and for the interest of the students who will come after me.

I will ever be alert to further the application of basic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy, which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

PHARMACIST OATH

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

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

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

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

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

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

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

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

PHYSICAL THERAPY OATH

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

I will strive to demonstrate professionalism as reflected in the American Physical Therapy Association's Core Values in all my professional and personal endeavors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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| 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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