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## 2018 SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER  
DAVIE, FLORIDA

*Thursday, the Tenth of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen  
Two-Thirty in the Afternoon*

# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

Processional

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

Convening the Commencement.....Debra Moss Vollweiler, J.D.  
Grand Marshal  
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Presiding Officer.....George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

\**Star Spangled Banner* .....Key/Smith

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Welcome and Introductions.....Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D.  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Opening Remarks ..... George L. Hanbury II

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

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

Address on Behalf of the Graduates ..... Steven Avalon  
J.D. Class of '18

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

Address on Behalf of the Graduates ..... Allesa Ciambriello  
Master's Degree Class of '18

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Doctor of Laws ..... George L. Hanbury II

Commencement Address .....John T. Berry, J.D.  
(Biographical sketch in back of program)

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees .....Ralph V. Rogers

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

Hooders .....	Dean Olympia Duhart, Dean Shahabudeen Khan, Dean Elena Marty-Nelson, Professor Leslie Cooney, Professor Mark Dobson, and Professor Michael Flynn
Conferral of Degrees .....	George L. Hanbury II
Farewell .....	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement .....	Debra Moss Vollweiler
*Nova Southeastern University Anthem.....	Cavanaugh

*Hail Thee, Nova Southeastern!  
Bright sun shining new;  
Radiant star of our morning,  
Ever rising, true;*

*May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide  
and thy love a beacon strong,  
as throughout the world we spread thy name  
joining voice in grateful song:*

*Nova Southeastern, Alma Mater,  
By thy light imbue,  
Service, honor, loyalty,  
'til our days are through.*

*Love Thee, Gray and Blue!*

\*Recessional

<i>La Rejouissance</i> .....	Handel From <i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>
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**John T. Berry, J.D.**, serves as director of The Florida Bar's Legal Division, supervising the lawyer regulation and professionalism efforts.

Prior to returning to The Florida Bar, he served as executive director of the State Bar of Michigan from 2000–2006. He also has served as director of the Center of Professionalism at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. He has held previous positions as assistant executive director of the State Bar of Arizona (1998–2000) and as staff counsel and legal division director of The Florida Bar (1983–1998). Staff counsel duties included supervising lawyer regulation, unauthorized practice of law, ethics, professionalism, and the advertising departments. He served for seven years as an assistant state attorney at the Florida Ninth Judicial Circuit Fraud Division, Orlando, Florida, handling white-collar and organized-crime cases.

Trained and approved by the Florida Supreme Court as an instructor for judicial education, Berry is a frequent lecturer throughout the nation and the world on ethics and professionalism. In addition, Berry is responsible for the establishment of The Florida Bar's and the State Bar of Arizona's Professional Enhancement Program (ethics school) where he participated as a main lecturer. He was also a member of more than 15 consulting teams to other states, evaluating their ethics and professionalism efforts. He served as liaison for the State Bar of Arizona to the American Bar Association (ABA) Ethics 2000 Commission and ABA Multijurisdictional Practice Commission.

Berry was the 2001 recipient of the ABA's Michael Franck Award, the highest award bestowed nationally by the association for achievement in the field of lawyer ethics, professionalism, and conduct. In 2002, Berry was part of a two-person Justice Department team sent to Nigeria to aid the country in dealing with corruption within its government, corporations, and businesses.

Graduating magna cum laude from the University of Florida in 1973, Berry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He received his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law in 1976.

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By 2020, through excellence and innovations in teaching, research, service, and learning, Nova Southeastern University will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community, and the general public as a premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction that engages all students and produces alumni who serve with integrity in their lives, fields of study, and resulting careers.

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The mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible, distance-learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, lifelong learning environment.

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Student Centered  
Integrity  
Innovation

Opportunity  
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Community

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## SPECIAL APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO

David Tyree, Ed.D., *for announcing the candidates*  
Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D., *for coordinating, orchestrating, and directing today's commencement ensemble and to the members of the orchestra for their musical talents*  
Brandon Hensler and Allyssa Rothman *for work to promote the commencement season*  
Elaine Poff *for chairing the commencement committee and coordinating commencement exercises and program design*  
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Nova Southeastern University Anthem

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## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the original centers of learning of the western world in the church of the Middle Ages. Caps, hoods, and gowns of the early students and monks have been held through the centuries to be traditionally symbolic of the scholarly devotion so basic to education and to the deliberate and orderly evolution of knowledge.

The introduction of classical studies, the gradual rise of the great universities across Europe, and the ever-increasing awareness of the decisive role of education in the entire development of civilization influenced leaders among academicians in their desire for a singular identity. In the attempt to create this differentiation, educators fell upon the medieval system of classic heraldry, whereby the coat of arms, assorted ornamental trappings, and patterns of colorful design had been adopted to denote the distinctive character of designated chivalric orders. The function of a pedagogical heraldry became, then, simply identification. As such, measures were taken to signify, through distinctive markings on the academicians' attire, the institution that had granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree had been earned, and the level of the degree, e.g., bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

Of the three pieces of academic attire—the cap, the gown, and the hood—it is the hood that offers the most abundant and most readily discernible information about its owner. The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution at which the individual earned the degree. Some schools have adopted two-color patterns and introduced chevrons and bars in various designs to set themselves apart from other institutions. The velvet trim bordering the hood indicates the major field of learning, or faculty, in which the degree has been earned. A final feature of the hood concerns its length and width and distinguishes further between holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet, closed at the bottom, and with a velvet border of two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, however, individuals receiving a bachelor's degree do not wear a hood. A master's degree holder has a hood three-and-one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border, and the hood is slit at the bottom. Those individuals with a doctoral degree wear a hood four feet in length, open at the bottom with a five-inch border.

The cut of the gown aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. It may be recognized most readily by the long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller and bears no adornment. The sleeves are oblong in shape and open at the wrist, with the rear part of the oblong square cut while the front edge has a cutaway arc. The doctor's gown is more elaborate, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck of the garment. The sleeves are bell-shaped at the end and have three bars of the same material as the front panels at the upper portion of the arm. It is cut rather fully and may be ornamental in color.

The mortarboard or Oxford-type cap has been adopted throughout most universities in the United States, although tams have become increasingly fashionable to denote holders of the doctoral degree. Colored tassels are usually worn by holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees. These denote the field of learning.



The color, indeed the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universality of universities, and of their responsibility for certain timeless values essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. Its wearing marks also the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and symbolized their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

## HONORS

Students wear cords, pins, sashes, and medallions that reflect institutional and national academic honors as well as campus leadership, service, and engagement.

## PROCESSIONAL BANNERS (GONFALONS)

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias, and many use them to identify and lead colleges and schools within the university in academic procession. The gonfalons represent the university and the various academic divisions of Nova Southeastern University.

The lower half of the gonfalon consists of the university insignia in various permutations. On the upper half is the name of a particular academic division of the university, along with a diagonal stripe in the color of that division's principal discipline.

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

## MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and also was displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually in the 15th century it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

### THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE



Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, *nova* means new or innovative. Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution—to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.

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