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2017 SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

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Prelude

Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement.....Silvia Flores, M.D.
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**Star Spangled Banner*Key/Smith

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

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

Opening Remarks George L. Hanbury II

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

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

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

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

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

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Doctor of Laws George L. Hanbury II

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

Commencement Address James E. C. Perry
Florida Supreme Court Justice
(Biographical sketch in back of program)

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees Ralph V. Rogers

Hooders Ronald Benton Brown, Megan Chaney, Phyllis Coleman,
Michael Flynn, Elena Marty-Nelson, Debra Moss Curtis
College of Law Professors

Conferral of Degrees George L. Hanbury II

Farewell George L. Hanbury II

Dismissal of the Commencement Silvia Flores

**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

La Rejouissance Handel
From Music for the Royal Fireworks

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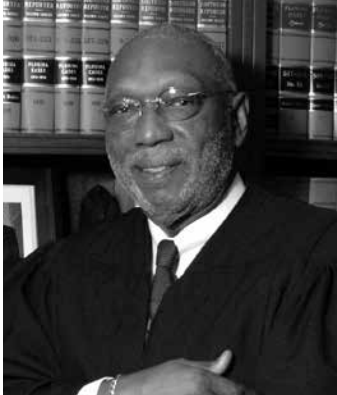
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNIVERSITY VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

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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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David Tyree, Ed.D., *for announcing the candidates*
Mark J. Cavanaugh, Ph.D., *for coordinating, orchestrating, and directing today's commencement ensemble and to the members of the orchestra for their musical talents*
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Elaine Poff *for chairing the commencement committee, coordinating commencement exercises, and program design*
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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.

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

NOTE: The listing of degree and academic honors candidates in this program is based upon PRELIMINARY information provided by each academic program office at the time of publication. The official conferral of degrees and awarding of academic honors occur upon satisfactory completion of all academic requirements. Publication in this commencement program does not determine degree or honors eligibility or represent an official listing of degree or honors recipients. The student's permanent record, on file in the Office of the University Registrar, remains the official testimony of the possession of a Nova Southeastern University degree.

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