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

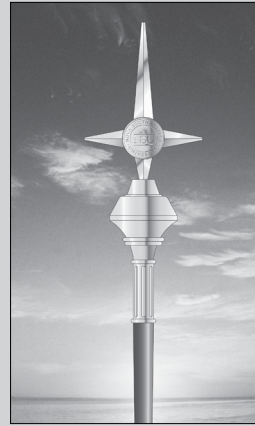
You can feel proud, as we do, that you walk this stage to receive your degree from a world-class, R1 research university that prepares our students for purposeful careers while fostering innovation, opportunity, and community service.

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

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

You are what excellence looks like.

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

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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# CEREMONY SCHEDULE

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# ORDER OF EXERCISES

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

**June 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

Processional.....	<i>Crown Imperial</i> by Walton
Presiding Officer.....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
NSU ROTC Contingent Presentation of the Colors <i>National Emblem March</i> (Trio) by E. E. Bagley, arr. Cavanaugh <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> by Key/Smith Convening the Commencement	
Grand Marshals .....	Jessica Valenzuela, Ph.D., <i>Professor, College of Psychology</i> Florence Neymotin, Ph.D., <i>Professor, H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship</i>
Welcome and Introductions .....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., <i>Executive Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer</i>
College of Psychology.....	Karen Grosby, Ed.D., <i>Dean</i>
H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship .....	Andrew J. Rosman, Ph.D., <i>Dean and Professor of Accounting</i>
Opening Remarks .....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Introduction to Commencement Speaker .....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Conferring of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree .....	Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Commencement Address.....	Cherilyn G. Murer, J.D., CRA, <i>President and CEO, CGM Advisory Group, LLC</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 Jessica Valenzuela, Ph.D. Florence Neymotin, 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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Commencement Address.....	Juan-Carlos (JC) Avila, M.B.A., <i>COO of Montachem International, Inc.</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees .....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
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**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?

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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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## Commencement Speakers

### GRADUATE

**JUNE 6, 2025  
MORNING CEREMONY**

**CHERYLYN G. MURER, J.D., CRA**, is the president and chief executive officer of CGM Advisory Group, LLC, and founder, president, and chief executive officer of Murer Consultants, Inc. She is an active voice in advancing quality, cost-effective health care and higher education.

Murer received a Juris Doctor degree with honors from Northern Illinois University College of Law. Leveraging her operational experience at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, she created an innovative business model, launching Murer Consultants. Murer Consultants represented multi-hospital health care systems, academic medical centers, and large physician group practices and was sold in 2017. In addition to her consulting work, Murer has been actively involved in international governance at the Lebanese American University, which has campuses in Beirut, Byblos, and New York. She has held various board positions, including vice chair, and has been instrumental in developing a global perspective on the delivery of health care services and higher education.

Throughout her career, Murer has served on numerous corporate, public, and private equity boards primarily focused on the health care sector. Additionally, she received gubernatorial appointments to the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees, serving as chair of this public university. She was even given the university's Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her leadership. Her contributions have been recognized with honors from American Express and an induction into the Chicago Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. Most recently, she was appointed chair of the board of governors of NSU's H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Murer authored seven health care-related books, including *Compliance: Audits and Plans for Health Care*, a series by the Healthcare Financial Management Association published by McGraw-Hill. She is a sought-after consultant, lecturer, and educator focused on addressing the complex regulatory, strategic, and financial issues facing health care and higher education in these transformational times.

Cheryl Murer is passionately devoted to the arts, as well, serving as vice chair of the board and chair of governance and advancement at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a member of the board of the Ryan Center at the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the board of governors of the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale.

**JUNE 6, 2025  
AFTERNOON CEREMONY**

**JUAN-CARLOS (JC) AVILA** was born in Peru to a multicultural family that worked in the wool industry. He was fascinated by technology and international trade from an early age and planned on working in the family's export business. But, by the time he had finished his bachelor's degree, the global demand for wool had virtually disappeared, taking the family business with it. Avila moved on to owning a plant nursery, which triggered his strong entrepreneurial spirit.

In 1984, he took a job selling imported industrial raw materials, which led to a decision to specialize in plastics—a product Avila believed was going to continue changing the world in many ways. Avila's employer, at the time, assigned him to open an intermediation office in Miami, Florida, to facilitate business between customers in Peru and suppliers in the United States. Despite his previous background in business and international trade, Avila felt he needed additional knowledge and experience to immerse himself in U.S. business culture and become more competitive in the job market, so he chose to earn a Master of International Business Administration from NSU.

Avila appreciated the exposure to the university's great professors, as well as its varied student body. NSU provided him with a deeper understanding of the business culture, trends, language, policies, processes, and institutions of the United States.

In 2011, Avila joined Montachem International, Inc., as general manager. At the time, Montachem was a distributor and trader in plastic resins (polymers) focusing mostly on Latin America. After a few years of increased growth, and with the financial area expanding in complexity, he became the organization's COO, focusing on the commercial and operations areas. The business has more than doubled in size since Avila joined it and now employs more than 100 people globally, with sales in more than 75 countries.

Avila enjoys working with NSU's Halmos College of Arts and Sciences' IN-SIGHT program, finding it an excellent channel for organized information and intellectual discussion about world problems and solutions. He believes this student initiative will have a strong impact on future community leaders, politicians, and citizens and will drive positive change.

He feels that, although the arts and sciences may seem to be separate from the business world, they are not. Important topics, such as civism, patriotism, ethics, morality, and social responsibility, are extremely relevant and the ultimate objective of a human enterprise cannot be only economic gain. Avila believes there is a time to give back, following the proverbial time, talent, and treasure analogy, and that everyone can help make this world a better place.

# ACADEMIC ATTIRE

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

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

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

The cut of the gown also aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls

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

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

The color, indeed, the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universality of universities, and of their responsibility for certain timeless values

essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. Its wearing marks also the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and symbolized their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

## HONORS

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

## COLOR OF HOODS

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

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

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