



HARRY K. MOON, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Harry K. Moon became the seventh president of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in January 2025. Under his leadership, NSU has reached major institutional milestones that reflect its growing impact in higher education, research, healthcare, and economic development.

NSU was recognized in February 2025 as an R1 research university by the Carnegie Foundation, signifying the university's high level of research activity and research funding exceeding \$50 million annually. NSU was also named a Carnegie Opportunity University, recognizing its commitment to producing transformative outcomes for its students and the communities it serves. Fewer than two dozen institutions nationwide, and only two private universities, hold both R1 and Opportunity designations.

A central initiative under Dr. Moon's presidency is the acceleration of academic pathways. NSU introduced a six-year track in fall 2025 to complete both undergraduate studies and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine or M.D. degree, reducing the traditional eight-year timeline. Similar programs have also been introduced in law, business, healthcare, computing, and education, creating broader access to advanced degrees and enhancing workforce readiness.

Dr. Moon has positioned NSU Ocean as a critical driver of smart and sustainable development. Under Dr. Moon's leadership, NSU introduced an M.S. degree in Global Health that will integrate marine science, environmental sustainability, and public health to address the complex challenges at the intersection of ecosystems and well-being.

Prior to becoming president, Dr. Moon was executive vice president and chief operating officer of NSU. He led the university's COVID Response Team, overseeing the swift transition to fully online learning, which allowed NSU to sustain and grow enrollments during the pandemic. He reorganized graduate admissions and student services and managed construction and acquisition projects totaling more than one million square feet.

A distinguished and internationally recognized plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr. Moon is founder and president of Himmarshee Surgical Partners in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He has been a clinical associate professor of surgery in NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine since 2008 and was appointed professor of anatomy in NSU's Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences in 2024.

Dr. Moon has played a major role in shaping medical, health, research, and educational programs across South Florida for more than 25 years. He held senior leadership roles at the Cleveland Clinic, including president and chairman of the board of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, chief executive officer and chairman of Cleveland Clinic Florida, and chairman of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Moon is an active civic leader, having served on the boards of numerous Florida-based organizations, including the Museum of Discovery and Science, Economic Development Council of Collier County, Florida Gulf Coast University, Broward County Library Foundation, Hospice 100 of Broward County, and others. He has also served on the boards of several banks and private corporations throughout Florida.

He was elected in 2024 a Fellow ad hominem of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, an institution founded in 1505 that includes the world's most renowned surgeons.

Dr. Moon is a widely published researcher and sought-after speaker and has addressed international medical conferences in Canada, Hungary, Brazil, Australia, and other countries.

He earned his medical degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and completed surgical residencies at the University of Hawaii, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Tulane University, where he attended on a four-year athletic scholarship and was a decorated track and basketball athlete.

Dr. Moon and his wife, Ann Marie, live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and have four adult children and four grandchildren.