



LEVAN AMBASSADORS BREAKFAST MEETING
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Good morning.

It is a pleasure to be with all of you and to have this opportunity to share some of the progress taking place across Nova Southeastern University.

These past several months have been among the most dynamic in NSU's history.

Our faculty are advancing important research. Our students are achieving at the highest levels. We are expanding our reach, strengthening our health care and research enterprises, and building partnerships that are creating new opportunities for NSU and those we work alongside.

Our reach is also extending well beyond South Florida.

This summer, we opened our newest regional campus in Henderson, Nevada, near Las Vegas, extending NSU's ability to educate health care professionals in another part of the country and generating significant regional and national media attention.

The new campus builds on an area where NSU is already a national leader. We are the nation's largest educator of anesthesiologist assistants, preparing highly skilled professionals to help meet a critical health care workforce need.

And that need is an important part of why NSU is growing. More students are pursuing careers in health care, while communities across the country need more highly trained professionals to care for them.

We are continuing to look ahead, including potential expansion into Texas, as we explore new opportunities to extend NSU's impact.

As proud as I am of NSU's progress, it ultimately begins and ends with one thing:

Our students.

They are the reason we do this work.

They come to NSU with ambition and purpose, and our responsibility is to give them the education, experiences, and opportunities they need to turn that potential into achievement.

And this year's undergraduate entering class is our strongest yet, including the highest G-P-A on record.

I would like you to hear from some of them.

What you just saw captures something that statistics alone never can.

Our students are not simply earning degrees. They are preparing to care for patients, conduct research, build businesses, serve communities and lead in professions that are rapidly changing.

Their influence is especially evident in health care.

Health care has always been at the heart of NSU's mission because access to highly trained health care professionals is essential to the health and strength of our communities.

As our population ages and workforce shortages deepen, we have an obligation to educate the next generation of clinicians and caregivers. That is why our growth in health care education matters. We are preparing for the future because the need is there.

We are also looking carefully at how we can prepare those professionals more efficiently without compromising quality.

Because of our longstanding focus on graduate and professional education, NSU was among the early leaders in developing dual admission and accelerated pathways to degree completion. Today, more than 40 percent of this year's incoming freshman class is enrolled in a dual-admission program.

Our six-year bachelor's-to-M-D and D-O pathways are one example, but there are dozens of options to choose from.

We want to reduce unnecessary time and cost where we can, maintain rigorous outcomes, and get talented graduates into professions where they are urgently needed.

And that strength extends beyond our undergraduate students. At the professional level, our law school is welcoming an entering J-D class with the highest L-S-A-T scores and retention rates in its history.

It is all part of our broader commitment to developing the essential workforce our communities need and advancing an ambitious vision for the future of NSU Health.

Let me show you a little more about the impact of this work.

Health care education is only part of this story.

Our faculty and researchers are increasingly contributing discoveries and solutions to some of the most consequential challenges facing society.

The National Institutes of Health has awarded nearly 3 million dollars to NSU scientists to study myalgic encephalomyelitis, what some call chronic fatigue syndrome, and its potential link to mold exposure.

More than 1 million dollars in federal funding was secured this spring to advance NSU brain cancer research.

And we received a record 7-point-2-5-million-dollar state appropriation this year to continue supporting the NSU Health Veterans Care Clinic.

The impact of that work is also attracting attention beyond our campuses.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel recently featured NSU's Center for Research and Treatment partnership with The Veterans Trust on its front page, highlighting the use of racing simulators to help veterans learn techniques to manage symptoms related to traumatic experiences.

And NSU was featured nationally on N-B-C's Today show and N-B-C News' NOW, showcasing the internationally recognized ocean research taking place here.

That brings me to another area where I believe NSU has an extraordinary opportunity to lead.

Our oceans.

Our NSU Ocean initiative is accelerating scientific discovery, strengthening Florida's blue economy and expanding South Florida's role as a global center for ocean science and coastal resilience.

Internationally renowned climate scientist and Arctic expert Jason Box is now leading that effort as NSU's vice president for ocean intelligence and global exploration. His appointment reflects our commitment to bringing in world leaders in key areas of expertise to expand NSU's reach and future impact.

We are developing partnerships that will extend NSU's research presence from South Florida to Greenland, the Galápagos, and other parts of the world.

We are also exploring ways to launch a global-class research vessel, which would create new possibilities for research, education and exploration on land, at sea, and in the deep.

But none of this happens in isolation.

Great universities need people outside the university who believe in their mission.

They need respected leaders who are willing to lend their voices, their ideas and their credibility to help tell, and sometimes help shape, the university's story.

Let's look at a great example of that.

What you just saw demonstrates the power of partnership and why gatherings like this one matter.

NSU can tell our own story. But when respected leaders, philanthropists, business partners, and community advocates tell that story with us, its reach and credibility become far greater.

We are fortunate to have a strong foundation from which to build.

In June, NSU's endowment reached a record 308 million dollars, following a 17-point-6 percent annual investment return and a 10-million-dollar strategic transfer.

Crossing the 300-million-dollar threshold is an important milestone.

A stronger endowment means greater long-term stability. It means more resources for scholarships, research, faculty excellence, and innovation. And it gives NSU greater capacity to seize opportunities when they arise.

Our ambition, however, is much greater.

We are building an institution capable of competing with the nation's leading private research universities, not only in the quality of our programs and outcomes, but in the resources available to sustain that excellence for generations.

And we are seeing the results.

But NSU's next chapter cannot be written by the university alone.

You are part of it.

You help us tell the NSU story.

You connect us with people and organizations that share our ambitions.

You champion the work of our faculty and students.

And today, I want to ask you to become even more directly part of the NSU experience.

Think about how your company, your profession or your own expertise could help enrich the experiential learning environment for our students.

And there may be other ways you would like to contribute and partner with us. We are open to your ideas.

NSU's impact extends far beyond our campuses.

We are creating opportunities for the generations that will follow us.

Our momentum is real.

And you, our Levan Ambassadors, have an important role in helping us reach new heights.

With your partnership, there is much more we can accomplish together.

Thank you for everything you have done for this university and for everything I know we will achieve together.