# **2024 COMMENCEMENT**

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY





Dear Graduates.

Nova Southeastern University takes enormous pride in your success. On behalf of NSU's faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees, I salute your academic and personal achievement. You have reached this milestone through hard work and intellectual effort, and we are pleased to recognize your dedication with today's commencement ceremony.

Reflect on the gifts of knowledge and support you have received. Celebrate the friendships, skills, and strengths you have forged. Embrace the opportunity to apply these treasures as you start a new chapter in your life, hopefully, following your passion, not your fortune, and keep your aim above your reach.

Our best wishes are with you today and in the future. Congratulations!

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George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.

NSU President and CEO



### THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

### **HISTORY OF THE MACE**

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and was also 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.

### **VISION 2025 STATEMENT**

By 2025, NSU will be recognized as a preeminent, professional-dominant, doctoral-research university that provides competitive career advantages to its students and produces alumni who serve and lead with integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT 2025**

The mission of NSU—a selective, doctoral-research university—is to deliver innovative academic programs in a dynamic, lifelong learning and research environment fostering integrity, academic excellence, leadership, and community service through engaged students, faculty, and staff.

The Vision 2025 Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Values were adopted by the NSU Board of Trustees on March 29, 2021.

### **CORE VALUES**

Integrity

Academic Excellence

Community

Diversity

Innovation

Opportunity

Scholarship/Research

Student Centered

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Professions Division



# **CEREMONY SCHEDULE**

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(PA and AA)

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### THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

Processional	Pomp and Circumstance
Presiding Officer	George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.  President and Chief Executive Officer
National Emblem March (Trio) by E. E. Bagley, arr. Cavanaugh	
The Star-Spangled Banner by Key/Smith	
Convening the Commencement	Grand Marshal Jose Antonio, Ph.D. Professor, Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
Welcome and Introductions	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.  Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences	Carol Seavor, Ed.D, M.S.N. Interim Dean
Opening Remarks	George L. Hanbury II
Introduction to Commencement Speaker	George L. Hanbury II
Conferring of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree	George L. Hanbury II
Commencement Address	Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H., FASA  20th U.S. Surgeon General
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	Ronald J. Chenail
Conferral of Degrees	George L. Hanbury II
Presentation of Oaths	Wording in the back of the program
Anesthesia	Matthew Knight, M.M.H.Sc., CAA
Physician Assistant	Charlene Couillard, D.H.Sc., M.P.A.S., PA-C
Closing Remarks	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement	Grand Marshal Jose Antonio

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### **CANDIDATES**

### DR. PALLAVI PATEL COLLEGE OF HEALTH **CARE SCIENCES**

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

### **Anesthesia**

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Via Garcia

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### **Physician Assistant**

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Julia Josephine Matalon

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Courtnae Latonya Cooper Walford

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Commencement Address	Laila Valere, M.S. Psychologist and Author of The Birthing Goddess: Reclaiming the Legacy of Natural, Pain-Free Childbirth
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Occupational Therapy	Mariana D'Amico, Ed.D., M.S.
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### **CANDIDATES**

# DR. PALLAVI PATEL COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

#### **Health Science**

Natalia G. Coletti Lucas J. Gross Eric M. Hertenstein Otto Jude Ike Vaishali Patel LuBeth Perez Anawin Sanguankeo Marina Shabalow Sarah Elizabeth Stelljes

### **Occupational Therapy**

Clarissa L. Mireau Jessica Nakos

### **DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE**

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Kaverra Franita Brown-Scott
Chandler D. Chapman
Tammeka Cooper
Joshua Leon Costagliola
Shamecka Douglas
Arnater Martin Dowers
Ngoc Duong
Charles Andrew Ezell
Dana Suzanne Famularo
Shashana Ruth Fiedler
Darshara Lia Johnson Harris
Delia Lofton
Abigail Medina

Mitchell Michalak Roslyvette Ortiz Noriega Laura M. Pacheco-Spann Jean Sergot Raphael Kristin Danielle Rice Kay-Diene Alissa Robinson Micaela Ann Ruiz Bassam Sayad Felicia Smith

# DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

### Entry-Level

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Arianna Zoe Raye Sewell Melissa Sliger Cesley L. Taft Alexis Ann Tucci Camye White

### **Postprofessional**

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### DOCTOR OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Yolanda H. Beatty\*\*
Kristina Lauren Cooney\*\*
Barbara De Jesus Rivera\*\*
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### MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE

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Tiany Vasallo
Michelle Allison Vega
Amaiya Wilson
Natalia Yaikova
Jodie Yin
Kevin Yungman

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

#### **Speech-Language Pathology**

Sydney Nicole Anliker\* Miriam Arzouan\* Nina Austria\*\* Leah Baitelman\*\* Delayne Blayre Ball\* Julia Marie Bant Cassandra Bartley\*\* Crystal Benavidez\*\* Ronit Benyamin\*\* Igra Bhatti Jordan Boggess Jamie Bone\* Jacev Bradv\*\* Morgan Henry Brown\*\* Veronica Elizabeth LeMere Brown\*\* Whittney Michelle Brownfield\*\* Jacque Brownlow Kaitlyn Buddemeyer\*\* Vicky Burnham\*\* Alyssa Caraza Marissa Carmona Allison Marie Carreiro\*\* Heather Nicole Chandler\* Maka Chanturia\*\* Jailene Yamariz Clarke Evan Cleveland\*\* Kasey Ruth Colford Itamis Cordero Ciara Taylor Costabile Shaye Alexandra Deegan Jennifer Del Mundo Carolina Delgado Lauren Delisser\* Molly Rose Duignan\*\* Shauna Egertson\*\* Megan Louise Elleby\*\* Chrissa M. Ellie\* Kaitlyn Nicole Fenton\*\* Tatiana Zoraida Ferrer

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### **RON AND KATHY** ASSAF COLLEGE **OF NURSING**

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

#### Nursing

Sherese Fralin\*\* Johnnie Rebbecca Harris Tara L. Horsley\*\* Nicole A. Morris-White

### **DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

Esperanza M. Aguirre Raymonda Shekenya Augustin Kyla Morgan Baucom\*\* Woodley Bernard\* Jodi Bronstien Erin Carey\*\* Jose Joel Cartagena Gutierrez\* Alexandra Castillo Lauri-Ann Fredrica Clarke\* Paul Dang Jessica Dwanna Davis\* Nerlande Desinord Beyli Disney\*\* Kyle Mitchel Disney\*\* Guylaine Dunac Kenneth Alexander Elliott\*\* Kathleen Jude Estime\*\* Fatema Ali Farhat\* Dylan Marie Godfrey Garentina Gogo Michael Jantaworn\*\* Shanique R. Knott Karen J. Matthew\* Larita Cassandra McDonald Maria Alexandra Nunes\*\* Yadira Pagano\*\* Marcie Ratliff\*\* Karissa Rodriguez\*\* Lisa Suzette Rose Annelis Sanchez Roshan Scaria\*\* Raszana Rashelle Shoemaker\*\* Tyler Justin Smith\* Kencya R. Toussaint Kawaisha Waldon\*\* Antoinette Troxler Watson\*\*

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Brianna A. Whitehead

Martha I. Wydra\*\*

### **Advanced Practice of Registered Nurse**

Adrianna Michelle Alfonso Giannina Alvarez Genesis Angulo-Juan\*\* Stephanie Auguste-Henry\* Cody Rene Avery\*

Micah Katrina Bahra\*\* Marlena Alexandra Baquero\* Alexis C. Barnes\* Rebecca Lauren Barreiro Nicole Elaine Batey\* Bryson Baxter Pierre-Laurent Bazin\* Sydney R. Beard Sabrina L. Beasley\* Dayana Carolina Belisario\* Kayla Sanford Birge\* Maynel Borges\* Stefani Bravo Travis-Troy Brown\* Allison Bruce\*\* **Devon Bullis Emily Shianne Burk** Silvia Elena Calahatian\* Shannon L. Carlson\* Marina Casoliba Bonache\* Lazaro Jesus Castro\*\* Nicholas Chiappone\*\* Nina Cirkovic Michelle Cius\* Eljess Clervil\*\* Christine M. Colombo\*\* Stephanie Ann Colon Cherisse De Mun Amanda DeDi\* Amina Marie DeFalco Jennifer Anne Demko\*\* Patrina Ann-Marie Dennis\* Cristina Louise Desir Sheryl Elisabeth Desvarennes\* Eda Dorcelin\*\* Joubert Doremy\*\* Brittany Edelmann\*\*

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Taylor Murphy Hartman\* Tamika Haslam-Troublefield\*

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### DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

### Commencement Speakers

### **GRADUATE**

### AUGUST 16, 2024 MORNING CEREMONY

**JEROME ADAMS, M.D.**, was appointed as a presidential fellow and the executive director of Purdue University's Health Equity Initiatives on October 1, 2021. He is also a distinguished professor of practice in the Departments of Pharmacy Practice and Public Health.

As the 20th U.S. Surgeon General and a prior member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Adams has been at the forefront of the country's most pressing health challenges. A regular communicator via TV, radio, and print, Adams is an expert not just in science, but in communicating that science to the public and making it relevant to various audiences.

Adams is a licensed anesthesiologist with a master's degree in public health. He ran the Indiana State Department of Health prior to becoming the surgeon general, where he managed a \$350-million budget and more than 1,000 employees, and led Indiana's response to Ebola, Zika, and HIS crises. Notably, Adams helped convince the governor and state legislature to legalize syringe service programs in the state and to prioritize \$13 million in funding to combat infant mortality. As surgeon general, Adams was the operational head of the 6,000-person Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, and oversaw responses to three back-to-back category 5 hurricanes, as well as a once-in-a-century pandemic.

In addition to his recent COVID-19 work, Adams has partnered with—and assisted—organizations as they navigate the opioid epidemic, maternal health, rising rates of chronic disease, impacts of rising suicide rates in our nation, and how businesses can become better stewards and stakeholders in promoting community health.

### AUGUST 16, 2024 AFTERNOON CEREMONY

**LAILA VALERE, M.S.**, has a foundational background as an educator and florist, impacting a journey that evolved into careers in counseling psychology, diplomacy, training, writing, and community service.

Valere's academic pursuits led her to attain a Bachelor of Arts in English and International Relations from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Nova Southeastern University, complemented by a practitioners certification in neurolinguistic programming from California. As a counseling psychologist, Valere dedicated several years to individual and group therapy, catering to adults and children. She was instrumental in designing and facilitating peer-counseling and self-development programs across various sectors, leaving a lasting imprint on the psychological landscape of Trinidad and Tobago.

Beyond the realms of psychology, Valere ventured into the diplomatic arena, serving as an ambassador to Canada and later as high commissioner to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. Her diplomatic tenure was marked by advocacy for disenfranchised immigrants and successful negotiations of bilateral treaties, earning her recognition of one of Canada's top ambassadors.

Valere founded MICLAI Consultants Associates, where she spearheaded the research, design, and facilitation of tailored programs aimed at enhancing behavioral competencies for executives, multinational corporations, and government entities in the Caribbean. She is the author of *The Birthing Goddess*, an innovative and effective training system to help women reclaim their legacy of natural, pain-free childbirth and enjoy manifesting what they are created to do.

Valere's commitment to community service is evident through her extensive involvement in various organizations and initiatives, ranging from teaching English as a second language to serving on the boards of nongovernmental organizations and governmental commissions. Her passion for social change and empowerment led her to assume roles such as president of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Professional Psychologists and deputy chairperson of the National Organization of Women. Her life's journey reflects a relentless pursuit of excellence, compassion, and service to humanity, making her a beacon of inspiration in both local and global spheres.

## **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 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 universal-

ity 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 also marks 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, the scholars' 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 Science	Gold
Clinical Vision Research	Aqua
Dentistry	Lilac
Developmental Disabilities	Citron
Education	Light Blue
Law	
Medicine	Kelly Green
Music	
Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy	
Optometry	Mint Green
Oratory (Speech)	
Pharmacy	
Philosophy, Political Science	
Public Administration, Human Services,	
Physical Therapy, and Criminal Justice	Peacock
Public Health	
Science	Bright Yellow
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Sport Science.....Sage Green

### **OATHS**

### ANESTHESIA OATH

I hereby solemnly swear in the presence of all assembled today to carry out, to the best of my abilities, the following oath:

I will strive to reduce the suffering of my patients at all times and never will I use my skills to knowingly cause injury or for any wrongdoing.

I will treat all patients with equal energy and respect for their diversity while safeguarding their privacy and honoring their right of autonomy.

I will work to be an exemplary ambassador of the anesthesiologist assistant profession and will always work to strengthen its place in the healthcare team.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OATH

In accepting the privileges and rights afforded by this degree, I accept the following responsibilities inherent in my commitments to my practice, my profession, and society. I hereby pledge to the following:

I will hold my knowledge in trust for the good of those whom I serve.

I will endeavor to keep both the profession and the occupational needs of the clients and communities I serve foremost in my thoughts and actions.

I will deliver occupational therapy services that demonstrate excellence at all levels of care while valuing and honoring diversity and respecting others as equals.

I will advocate for needed services and the rights of clients, their caregivers, and communities to support needed services and the rights of clients to live life to their fullest, regardless of the constraints I may face.

I will strive to always act in a manner that is consistent with the philosophical base and values of the profession by upholding the occupational therapy Code of Ethics, abiding with those in need of care, even in the face of personal risk, and upholding the dignity of all human beings, regardless of their condition.

I will model and foster leadership and facilitate spiritual, personal, and professional growth for myself, my profession, and others.

I will uphold the ethical and moral standards of Nova Southeastern University by being committed to building a global human community of justice, respect, and mutual concern through scholarship, lifelong learning, and competency.

### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.

I will work with other members of the healthcare team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.

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# **AUTOGRAPHS**

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