



THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF

HARRY K. MOON

M.D., FACS, FRCSEd

THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT
OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the investiture of
Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd,
as the seventh president of Nova Southeastern University.

This pivotal ceremony, rich in symbolism and tradition,
features a procession of faculty members and distinguished guests,
the ceremonial passing of the university mace,
and an inaugural address by NSU's new president.

The event is interwoven with musical performances and
thoughtfully curated moments by President and Mrs. Moon,
creating a shared experience to mark this significant occasion.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Orchestra Conducted by Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

PROCESSION

Mace Bearer
Delegates from Other Colleges and Universities
Faculty Marshals
NSU Faculty and Administration
Student Group Representatives
U.S. Military Delegation
Inauguration Ceremony Guests
NSU Board of Trustees
NSU President

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

NSU Army ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner, Composer, Key/Smith
Performed by Ashley Palmer Lindsay

WELCOME

Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President, Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and
Interim Dean of the Shepard Broad College of Law

INVOCATION

Father Michael Grady
Retired Pastor
St. Anthony Catholic Parish

DISTINGUISHED GUEST REMARKS

SPEAKERS

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz,
U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Florida

The Honorable Bill Nelson,
former U.S. Senator from the State of Florida and 14th NASA Administrator

POEM READING

“Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening” by Robert Frost
Recited by Olivia Janvier
NSU University School
Class of 2026

DISTINGUISHED GUEST REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

J. Brian Boyd, M.D., FRCS, FRCSC, FACS

SPEAKER

G. Ian Taylor, AO, M.B.B.S., M.D., FRACS, FRACS (Eng),
FRCSEd, FACS (hon), FACSC (hon), FRCSI (hon),
Hon. Doctor Causa (Bordeaux)

(Via Video)





PERFORMANCE

For the Beauty of the Earth, Composer, John Rutter/F. S. Pierpoint
Performed by Bossa Nova Chorale
Bill J. Adams, D.M.A., Director
Jihong Adams-Park, D.M.A., Accompanist

ACADEMIA REMARKS

Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.

STUDENT REMARKS

Arun Jagarlamudi
Halmos College of Arts and Sciences
Class of 2025

PERFORMANCE

Until We Meet Again (Irish Blessing)
Performed by NSU University School Aquapella
Featuring Gianna Gutierrez, Class of 2026
Michael Miguez, Director

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Charles L. Palmer, Chair

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Video

PRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY MACE AND INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT

Charles L. Palmer, Chair
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George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.
Sixth President of Nova Southeastern University

Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd
Seventh President of Nova Southeastern University

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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

INAUGURAL FANFARE

Original Composition by Bill Withem, D.M.A.
Assistant Professor of Music, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts

CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY

Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.

BENEDICTION

Rabbi Guido Cohen
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ANTHEM AND RECESSIONAL

NSU Alma Mater, Composed and Conducted by Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D.
Performed by Jamie-Ellen DeOliveira







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HARRY K. MOON

M.D., FACS, FRCSEd

Prior to his inauguration as the seventh president of Nova Southeastern University, Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, served as the university's executive vice president and chief operating officer, overseeing most of the university's administrative and auxiliary units, as well as its clinical healthcare operations, since 2018. He led the integration of Nova Southeastern University's 30+ clinics to create NSU Health, a university-affiliated healthcare network.

Moon, an internationally renowned plastic and reconstructive surgeon, has had a distinguished medical career and has been instrumental in the development of medical, research, and educational programs in South Florida for the past quarter century. Before joining Nova Southeastern University, his career included several executive positions for Cleveland Clinic Florida. As chief executive officer and chairman of the Board of Governors of Cleveland Clinic Florida from 1997 to 2003, he established a fully integrated academic medical center in South Florida.

Preceding his appointment as chief executive officer of Cleveland Clinic Florida, Moon was a physician and chair of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in the Cleveland Clinic Health System and a member of the system's Board of Governors. He is the founder and president of Himmarshee Surgical Partners, LLC. In 2024, he was appointed a professor of anatomy in Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences and has served as a clinical associate professor of surgery in Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine since 2008.

He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of South Alabama and his Bachelor of Arts in English at Tulane University.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION



Harry K. Moon's leadership embodies the essence of NSU—integrating a deep connection to the independent university's roots with its commitment to human, environmental, and economic health and a vision for pioneering research. His dedication to fostering innovation and collaboration ensures that NSU will continue to thrive as a transformative institution that serves its community and leads in education, care, and discovery.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE



The university mace leads all ceremonial processions.

Before its merger with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" within a circle, symbolizing the university's name and mission. Today, the university's star-topped, sterling silver mace honors the past while surrounding NSU's current presidential seal, which serves as the university's highest symbol of academic excellence.

The transfer of the university mace to the incoming president symbolizes the transfer of educational authority and responsibility for NSU's institutional identity.

SHARK STATUE



A maquette of NSU's mako shark statue is displayed to honor NSU's students, alumni, and most avid supporters.

During the 2009 Homecoming ceremonies, a 17-foot-high, bronze, Kent Ullberg sculpture of a mako shark was unveiled at the entrance to NSU's Don Taft University Center on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. Commissioned by students in celebration of their chosen university mascot, the agile mako shark rises above a bronze wave of water atop a 10-foot-high fountain.

Donors known as Shark Circle Fellows, those whose cumulative giving to NSU exceeds \$1 million, receive a limited-edition maquette replica of the statue.

INAUGURAL FANFARE

The *Inaugural Fanfare*, composed by Bill Withem, D.M.A., was specially created for the investiture of Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, as the seventh president of Nova Southeastern University.

This original piece, lasting approximately three and a half minutes, is scored for brass ensemble and timpani. The composition features a recurring motif derived from the letters in President Moon's name. It opens softly with statements from the timpani, followed by solo passages for the horn and trumpet. The motif then expands, with the brass section joining, and the volume gradually increasing. A brief interlude in the low brass leads to a final, full-ensemble statement that concludes the fanfare with a powerful flourish.

Withem holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from Michigan State University and a Master of Music in Film Scoring from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. His Emmy-nominated works have premiered on renowned stages and screens, including Lincoln Center in New York, the 20th Century Fox Recording Studio in Los Angeles, and the Detroit Institute of Art.

At NSU, Withem serves as an assistant professor of music in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts within the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences. He teaches courses in music technology, production, theory, composition, and performance, contributing to NSU's vibrant creative community.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

A long-standing tradition of formal academic ceremonies,
the attire of gowns, caps, and hoods symbolizes the
wearer's academic achievements and institutional affiliations.

NSU ALMA MATER

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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