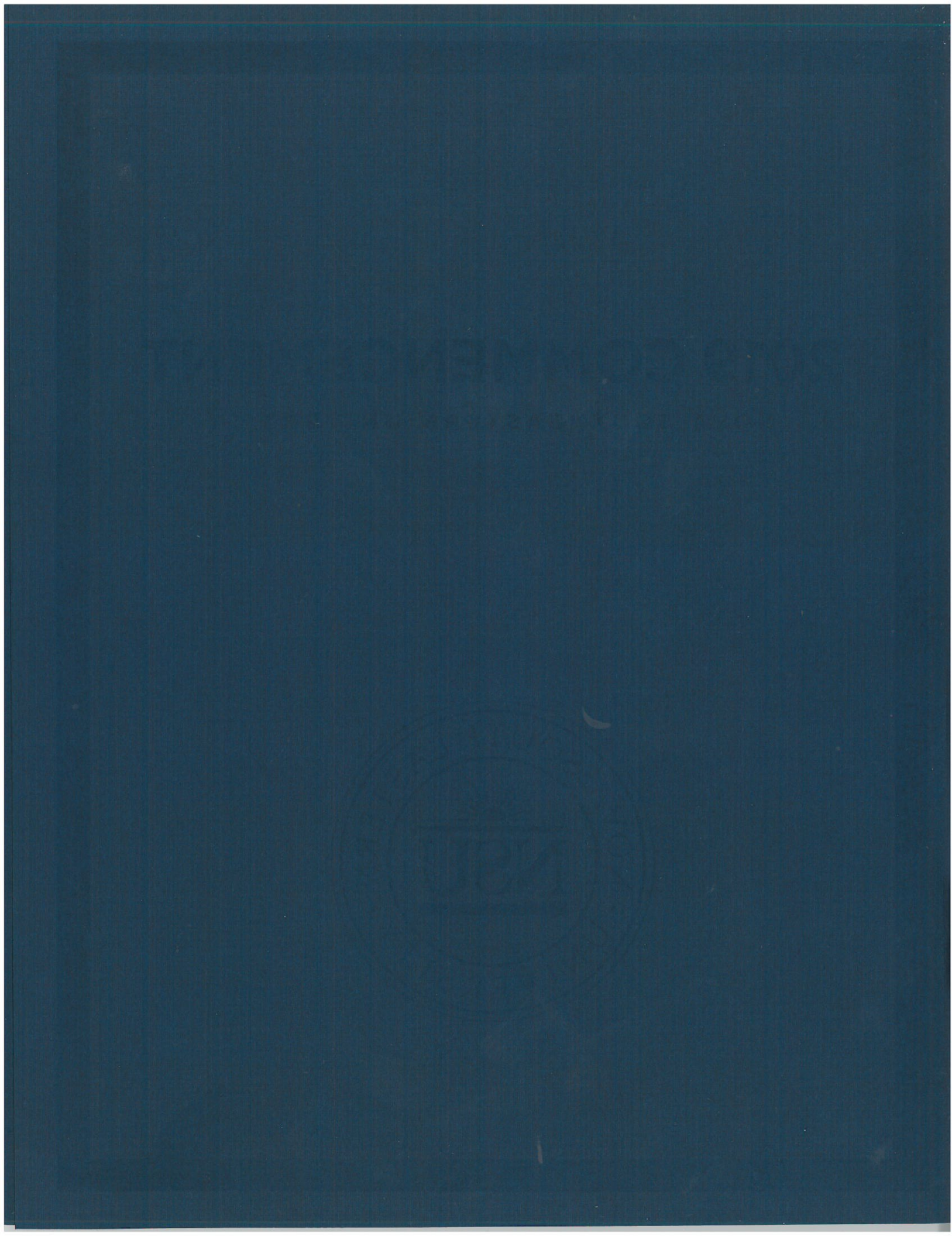


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**The Star-Spangled Banner* Key/Smith

*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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Commencement Address	Paulette Brown, J.D. <i>(Biographical sketch in back of program)</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Ralph V. Rogers
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Farewell	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement	Debra Moss Vollweiler
*Nova Southeastern University Anthem.....	Cavanaugh

*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 spread 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!

*Recessional

La RejouissanceHandel
From Music for the Royal Fireworks

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Paulette Brown, J.D., is a labor and employment lawyer and a past president of the National Bar Association and the American Bar Association (ABA), where she was the first African American woman to serve in that role. During her tenure as ABA president, Brown worked to promote diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and justice system.

In a career spanning more than 35 years, Brown has served as a municipal court judge and in-house counsel to several Fortune 500 companies. She is currently a senior partner at the firm of Locke Lord LLP in New Jersey.

With a focus in labor and employment law and commercial litigation, Brown has represented employers in cases involving discrimination based on age, sex, marital status, sexual harassment, disability, race, and national origin. She provides diversity and inclusion/implicit bias training to employees at companies, law firms, and industry organizations.

A litigator in federal and state courts, as well as arbitration forums for unionized and nonunionized employees, Brown is a certified mediator for the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, and a member of the Employment AAA Panel. Serving as president of the ABA from 2015 to 2016, Brown received its Spirit of Excellence and Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement awards.

She has received numerous law honors, including recognition as one of the Top Women in Law by the *New Jersey Law Journal* and one of the Top 25 Women Lawyers in New Jersey. *The National Law Journal* named Brown one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America, and *U.S. News & World Report* has named her one of the Best Lawyers in America.

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The Rick Case Arena at the Don Taft University Center

GradImages™ Photography *for the photography of the graduates*

A Note on Photography

To maintain an orderly and dignified ceremony, one that our graduates can remember with pride and enjoyment, guests are requested to remain seated during the entire ceremony and recessional and to refrain from taking pictures of the candidates until after the exercises are completed.

The university has contracted with GradImages™ to take a full-color, close-up photograph of all graduates as they cross the stage as well as a formal portrait off stage. Graduates will be contacted after the ceremony about purchasing the photographs. GradImages™, 3490 Martin Hurst Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32312, 800-261-2576, gradimages.com.

Your cooperation will ensure that the commencement exercises will run smoothly and that the ceremony itself will be a fitting occasion to mark this significant milestone in the lives of our graduates.

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 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.

PROCESSIONAL BANNERS (GONFALONS)

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias, and many use them to identify and lead colleges and schools within the university in academic procession. The gonfalons represent the university and the various academic divisions of Nova Southeastern University.

The lower half of the gonfalon consists of the university insignia in various permutations. On the upper half is the name of a particular academic division of the university, along with a diagonal stripe in the color of that division's principal discipline.

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	<i>White</i>	Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Accountancy, Business	<i>Drab</i>	Optometry	<i>Sea Foam Green</i>
Dentistry.....	<i>Lilac</i>	Oratory (Speech).....	<i>Silver Gray</i>
Economics.....	<i>Copper</i>	Pharmacy	<i>Olive Green</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>	Philosophy	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>	Podiatry-Chiroprody	<i>Nile Green</i>
Fine Arts.....	<i>Brown</i>	Public Administration, Human	
Law.....	<i>Purple</i>	Service, and Criminal Justice	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
Medicine	<i>Kelly Green</i>	Public Health.....	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Music.....	<i>Pink</i>	Science.....	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
		Social Science	<i>Cream</i>

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.

THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

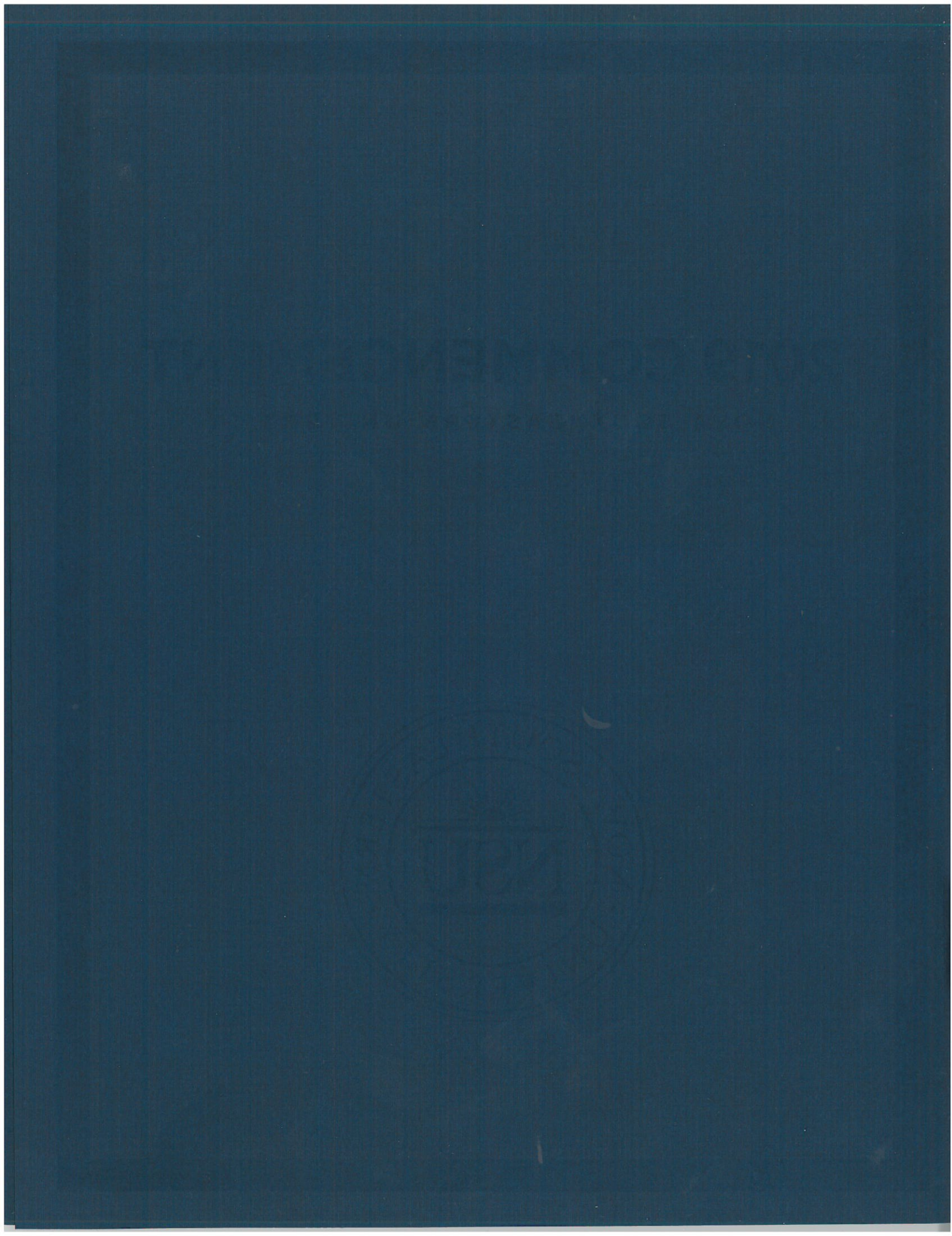


Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, 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.

NOTE: The listing of degree and academic honors candidates in this program is based upon PRELIMINARY information provided by each academic program office at the time of publication. The official conferral of degrees and awarding of academic honors occur upon satisfactory completion of all academic requirements. Publication in this commencement program does not determine degree or honors eligibility or represent an official listing of degree or honors recipients. The student's permanent record, on file in the Office of the University Registrar, remains the official testimony of the possession of a Nova Southeastern University degree.

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