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America the Beautiful
by Katharine Lee Bates

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Musical Selections . . . . . . Telemann Society
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Program
Presiding: Donald E. Ross, President

Academic Procession
Pomp and Circumstance - Elgar . . . Lettie Ozaki, Organist

Invocation . . . . . . . . The Reverend Martin Devereaux
Director Campus Ministry

America The Beautiful - Bates . . . JoAnn Ebert, Vocalist

Welcome . . . . . . . . . . E. Irene Losa

Introduction of the Speaker . . Donald E. Ross, President

Commencement Address . . . Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney

Presentation of Doctor of Humane Letters
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney
Mr. A. Richard Cohen

Presentation of Candidates . . . . . . . . . . . . James D. Matthews
for Degrees
College of Boca Raton

Special Awards . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hugh Carville
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Presentation of Candidates . . . . . . . . . . . . Sister M. Fidelis Remski, IHM
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Conferring of Degrees . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Donald E. Ross

Benediction . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Reverend Martin Devereaux

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Lending color to the pageantry of the Academic Convocation are the academic robes and hoods worn by the faculty. This regalia reaches back into the medieval ages when it served a functional as well as an ornamental role, separating the learned men from other groups and offering warmth and protection.

In America in the late nineteenth century, a conference was held by representatives of colleges and universities to bring some order and system to the custom of academic dress. Since then, there have been periodic conferences to revise or reaffirm existing practices.

Essentially, undergraduates wear the black robes with the white collars. Holders of the bachelor's degree wear hoods which are lined with the colors of the college conferring the degree and trimmed with the color representing the subject in which the degree was earned. The doctoral robe is adorned with velvet and is also worn with the hood suitably ornamented.

Holders of degrees from foreign universities or religious orders wear the entire academic costume as decreed by the conferring institution.

The following list reflects the colors which will be found on the hoods worn in the Academic Procession at this Convocation, and the subject each represents.

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- White Tassel signifies Dean's list
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