## Dr. Athena Devlín

'm still pretty new here at SFC, so this is really the first year that a substantial portion of students | have come to know well will be graduating. It's hard! I have watched many of you change and of course "grow," becoming more comfortable socially and more authoritative intellectually. It's amazing to see and gives me faith. Your presence will be missed.

I do remember that my first years out of college were fairly hard and disorienting (but also intense and wonderful). It's a time of enormous changes coming at you all at once. Because professors can never resist giving advice, here is mine: Don't rush it. Try new things and don't let the uncertainty scare you. Change is hard, but good; so is curiousity. There is time enough.


## Dr. Michele Hirsch



## Reflection

 walked through the doors of St. Francis College over eight years ago I knew that I was in a special place. The "Small College of Big Dreams" not only applies to students. It applies to faculty, administrators and staff as well. I've learned, along with my students, about the values that St. Francis embodied. Our college community falls nothing short of embracing those values. It's reflected in our classrooms and in the many spirited activities taking place everyday at 180 Remsen Street. Personally, it has been a thrill and truly a gift to be able to teach, mentor and interact with our great students. There are handfuls of students who have affected me, both in and out of the classroom, as much as I may have played a role in influencing them. My time at St. Francis College has been more than time served in a "job". It has been a learning experience; a journey of development, professionally and personally. I wish for all those who pass the doors of St. Francis College the same type of positive journey that they can carry with them long after their days spent at our small, very special College.