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Reflection

Please accept my sincere words of gratitude for four wonderful years of college. I have befriended so many of you and will always cherish with warm thoughts the many good times we shared. No matter how hard it may seem, don't ever lose sight of the fact that your scholarly pursuits will bear many fruits.

It is with great pride that I receive a Bachelors degree from St. Francis College. As the first person in my family to graduate college, I am grateful to all of the people in my life that helped make this dream a reality. The support I received from friends and family alike simply cannot go unmentioned. Equally important, it was the Franciscan charity shown by Brother George Larkin that first opened the door for me at Saint Francis.

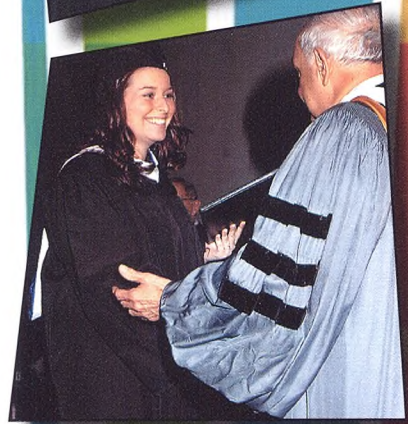
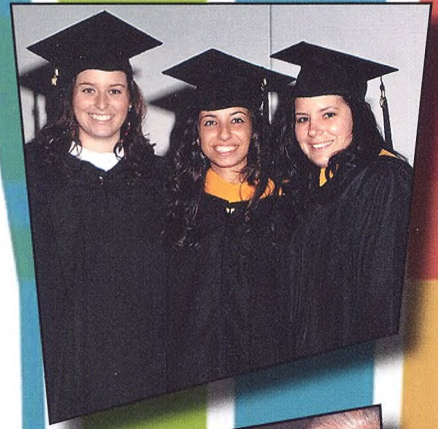
I still remember the anxiety that came over me as I rode the escalator up to speak with the dean of admissions. Upon my arrival, this snowy-haired man clad in a black habit put my financial worries to rest as he assured me that

St. Francis College had a space for me. His smile would come to embody the four years of joy I experienced at St. Francis.

Implore my fellow graduates to never forget the true mission of the school. Indeed, SFC has afforded us the tools we need to succeed in the "real world," but let us also remember that the college promotes the development of the whole person- mind, body, and soul.

Our responsibility is to share the many gifts that have been given to us by the faculty and staff at SFC. Who can forget Dr. Greene's brilliant words of wisdom or Dr. Corrigan's daily dose of reality? Thanks to their sacrifices, you and I had the privilege of walking across the stage in May 2007.

Realizing that none of us did this on our own, we should give thanks for the sacrifices so many have made for us. We stand on the shoulders of giants. Courageous men and women have made the same journey you and I are about to complete. We must honor their sacrifices by passing on the torch. In doing so, may we become instruments of God's peace. Congratulations!!



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