

## Sade Falebita Senior Reflection

When I first arrived at St. Francis College, I did not know what to expect as I entered the “Small College of Big Dreams” but by the end of that day Brother George welcomed me with a full scholarship and acceptance into the honors program.

Five years later at the age of 21, I graduated with a B.A. in Communications: Film and Broadcasting and a B.S./M.S. in Accounting, and will be starting my career with one of the top four accounting firms in the world. My time at SFC has truly been a blessing and I will never forget the community that helped raise me to be the young mature woman that I am today. Involvement in clubs and organizations such as the African Club, SFC Today, the Accounting Society, and Student Government Association helped build my character and provided me with the skills necessary to succeed beyond college. I gave SFC my all and in return I achieved more than I ever imagined.

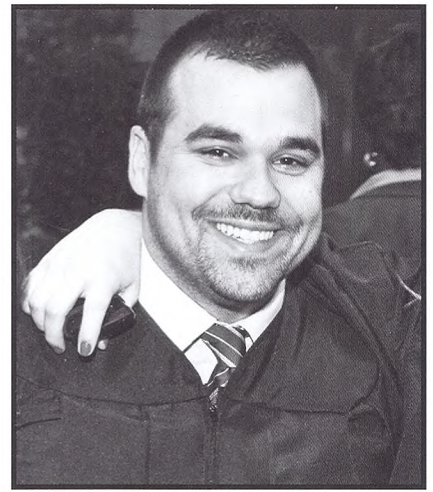
I would like to thank God, my family, friends, the administrators of the Career Center, Office of Student Activities, Communication Arts Department, and Department of Media Relations for guiding me and mentoring throughout the years. I will be forever grateful to Professor Mark McSherry for providing constant support and encouragement, always challenging me to explore my field beyond the textbook.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.” Over the years I have learned that it is important to make the most out of every opportunity. Your college experience is what you make of it and I am glad that I made the most out of my time here. I hope that my actions have left a trail that can inspire others to take action and make a difference.

I want to encourage my fellow graduates to embrace their talents, network, and discover what the world has to offer. Do not be afraid to take risks and pursue new endeavors. Most importantly, remember that as you make your mark you have the power to initiate a butterfly effect that can change the world.

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Congratulations, Class of 2012. We finally did it! “Finally” being the key word, yet it is a bittersweet one. It all happened so fast.

I cannot even imagine how my life will be after graduation. I will truly miss members of the SFC administration and faculty, my friends and teammates, and familiar faces that made my college career such an amazing and important time in my life. On graduation day, in addition to our diplomas, I believe each of us will leave with strong friendships, unforgettable memories, and life changing experiences.

For those of you who do not know me, I was that water polo kid from Croatia who was all over the campus. You probably saw me working with Dean Howell, Nurse Deborah, Ruben, and Cheretta, among many others. St. Francis was my second home. I literally spent my days working, studying and practicing. Yet I have no regrets; I had the most amazing time, as I know all of you did also. However, there were some tough times. And although each of us had our fair share of ups and downs, in the end, we can agree that it was all well worth it. This is what makes graduation special.

As clichéd as it sounds, when I first came to this country, I really did not understand what it meant when people referred to St. Francis College as one big family. Four years later, I can tell you that this family showed myself and countless others nothing but love and generosity.

Now as we begin to go our separate ways, I want to challenge each of you to never forget that the “Small College of Big Dreams” granted us many wonderful opportunities. And by saying that, I am calling you all to join me as a proud alumnus, whom is ready to give back and develop our future SFC Terriers.

God Bless you all,  
-Josip Jurcevic

“To unpathed waters, undreamed shores.”  
William Shakespeare