

# Anthony Kurtin

LESS THAN A DECADE AGO, I WAS PREPARING TO GRADUATE FROM ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE MOST LIKELY ASKING THE SAME QUESTION THAT THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING CLASS IS ASKING TODAY. WHAT WILL LIFE BE LIKE AFTER GRADUATION? SOME OF YOU WILL GO ON AND CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION, SOME WILL HEAD STRAIGHT INTO THE WORK FORCE OR MAYBE SOME OF YOU WILL START YOUR FAMILIES. WHATEVER PATHS YOU TAKE PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR TIME AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE HAS PREPARED YOU PERSONALLY, ACADEMICALLY & SPIRITUALLY TO EXCEL IN TODAY'S WORLD.

AS AN ALUMNUS OF SFC, I CAN TELL YOU FROM EXPERIENCE THAT OUR COLLEGE OFFERS A DISTINCTION OF SUPPORTIVE AND DEVOTED FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION THAT PUSH US TO OUR LIMITS AND BEYOND. WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO MEET AND GREET STUDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM, OR SITTING IN THE CAFETERIA, OR WHILE ATTENDING AN SFC EVENT THAT ORIENTS US TO VARIOUS CULTURES AND BELIEFS. AS A RESULT, SFC GRADUATES TRULY FACE THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD WITH BROADENED VIEWS OF THE WORLD'S DIVERSE POPULATION.

FINALLY, IF YOU HAVE ACCEPTED ALL THAT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE HAS HAD TO OFFER YOU OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, I BELIEVE THAT THE END PRODUCT IS A MATURE, YOUNG PROFESSIONAL WHO IS READY FOR LIFE'S CHALLENGES. AS A NEW ALUMNUS, THE COLLEGE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU EXCEL IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS, WHILE SERVING THE WORLD WITH A TRUE SENSE OF FRANCISCAN SPIRIT.

IT IS MY GREAT HONOR TO CONGRATULATE THE ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007-2008. BEST OF LUCK AND GODSPEED.

# Cheretta Robson

AS I REFLECT ON MY TWO YEARS AS AN ADMINISTRATOR AT SFC, I REALIZE THAT I HAVE TAKEN PART IN A JOURNEY OF NEW EXPERIENCES, SUCH AS WATCHING STUDENTS FIGHT FOR WORTHY CAUSES, TO THE INDUCTION OF A NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT. WITH THESE EXPERIENCES I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND SHARE IN CHANGES WITHIN AND AROUND OUR EXTENDED CAMPUS COMMUNITY. MY PART IN HELPING STUDENTS GROW PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY HAS SHOWN ME A SPECIAL UNIQUENESS OF THE STUDENTS AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE; "THIS IS TO BE THE BEST! AND TO CONTINUE MAKING DREAMS A REALITY!"

I THINK BACK TO WHY I CHOSE SFC, AND IT WAS NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS VALUES AND DIVERSE CULTURE, OR THE POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, BUT BECAUSE I SAW SOMETHING IN MYSELF, AS I SEE IN THE STUDENTS. THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION MAKE THIS PLACE A DISTINCTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAS FOSTERED MANY WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS. FROM GIVING GUIDANCE AND KNOWLEDGE, TO ASSISTING STUDENTS IN OBTAINING INTERNSHIPS, ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS OR CONTINUING THEIR GRADUATE STUDIES, EACH OF THESE EVENTS HAS SHOWN ME THE STEPS OF SUCCESS MADE BY MANY OF THE GRADUATES OF THIS CLASS.

TO THE CLASS OF 2008, MAY YOU TAKE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND APPLY IT TO THE REAL WORLD AND UNDERSTAND THE PERSON YOU HAVE BECOME HAS ADDED TO A PIECE OF HISTORY AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE.

GOOD LUCK - I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST WITH YOUR FUTURE ACHIEVEMENTS.



# Dean Cheryl Howell

IN JUST FIVE SHORT YEARS AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE I HAVE HAD SO MANY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION. SFC IS TRULY THE "SMALL COLLEGE OF BIG DREAMS." AS MUCH AS STUDENTS LEARN FROM PROFESSORS, PROFESSORS AND ADMINISTRATORS ALSO LEARN FROM STUDENTS. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A STRONG SENSE OF FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, ONE CAN WALK DOWN THE HALLWAYS AND SEE STUDENTS TALKING AND LAUGHING WITH EACH OTHER, FACULTY WORKING WITH STUDENTS, AND EVEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE SITTING WITH STUDENTS DISCUSSING THEIR FUTURE DREAMS.

ALL STUDENTS ADD TO THE WARM AND WELCOMING FEELING THAT PEOPLE GET WHEN THEY WALK INTO OUR COLLEGE. TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND AN ATHLETIC EVENT AND WATCH OUR STUDENT ATHLETES PLAY THEIR HEARTS OUT AFTER ATTENDING CLASS ALL DAY AND PRACTICING EARLY IN THE MORNING IS INSPIRING TO US ALL. OR TO READ A COPY OF THE VOICE OR THE MONTAGE AND KNOW THAT THE EDITORS WERE UP ALL NIGHT TRYING TO GET THE LATEST EDITION DONE. AND, OF COURSE, THE SGA AND CLUBS WHO ALL WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THIS COLLEGE SO SPECIAL!

MY YEARS AT SFC HAVE ADDED SO MUCH TO MY LIFE THAT I KNOW THE SAME IS TRUE FOR ALL WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO ATTEND OUR COLLEGE.

