

Dr. Jennifer Lancaster

Reflection

Our former Dean of Students, Jim Adams, was known for saying that each year, the class of students seems to get better and better and I couldn't agree more. Having endured both the trials of construction and the benefits of the new academic center, you folks have seen it all. It's hard to believe that four years have gone by so quickly.

Though the face of the school has changed a bit, the spirit of the school, the spirit of St. Francis, remains. This fact is evident from the time we walk into the school building. Each day I am witness to an example of Franciscan values in action, with students helping each other and showing kindness to all. You don't have to be a Franciscan to enter SFC, but our graduates take a little bit of St. Francis and the values therein when they leave our school to join the wider world. The spirit of St. Francis is alive and well at SFC and my hope is that the graduates take forth what you have learned here and improve our world in their own large and small ways.



Best of luck to the Class of 2007 – I am proud of you, your accomplishments, and the loving people you have become.

Mr. Ruben Gonzales



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It has been seven years since I first walked through the doors of St. Francis College as a young, shy, and somewhat timid freshman. Today I still walk through these same halls and doors, now as an administrator. I tell everyone that will listen that it's hard to describe, but there really is something special about this "Small College of Big Dreams," that lures you in and keeps you excited and interested throughout your years at SFC. Personally, St. Francis College has played a very central part in my development academically, socially, and individually. It is my hope today that these same words ring loud and true for all of you new graduates.

The next chapter in your lives will begin much like the one just completed. You are about to embark through uncharted waters in your professional development and life's journey. It is my belief that St. Francis College has provided you with the tools necessary to navigate these waters. Through personal experience and first hand accounts, I can tell you that everyone will arrive at their end destination, some sooner than others. The point is not to rush out into the new world ahead of you, but instead to embrace your surroundings and passage into a new phase of adulthood.

For the Class of 2007, I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors. It has been said before that everywhere we go one will always leave a mark on the people around them. I hope that St. Francis College has left an undeniable mark on your lives- personally, academically, and spiritually. I hope that you will take up life missions of impacting, empowering, and supporting those people around us. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, please remember, "It is in giving that we receive."