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Reflection

Comparing my life now and when I walked through the doors of St. Francis four years ago, I notice that many aspects of it have changed. I have grown as a person both mentally and spiritually. I was terrified of attending college, yet now I can't imagine my life had I not gone. I've met an amazing group of people and have made best friends; friendships I will not soon forget. Aside from my peers, I have met professors that have changed my life forever. Not only did I gain a tremendous amount of knowledge through my coursework during the last four years, but I learned more than any textbook or journal article could ever teach me. I learned how to think, how to react and how to function on my own. Professors taught me how to analyze and how to think on my own and how to produce my own beliefs and feelings. These are skills that I would be lost without venturing into the real world.

As we leave the classrooms, the cafeteria, the labs, the lounge, the place we have come to know, love and feel welcomed; we know that this is part of moving on with our lives. Despite having to leave all of these places, places many of us hold dear to our hearts, we



are destined for better things, to make a difference in our communities and hopefully the world. I encourage my fellow classmates, as you make your way to the real world, that you keep the Franciscan community you were a part of here, alive and well. I urge you to make that difference, to go beyond just what is expected of you and to accomplish great things. With these thoughts in mind, I wish you all the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Justina Lopez

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Reflecting on my academic career here at St. Francis College, I have feelings of appreciation and thankfulness. This institution has cultivated me through academic rigor, numerous leadership opportunities, and volunteer experience. SFC is a place of strength, faith, and reward. My time at SFC was truly special; every aspect of college life, from

working on class essays in the computer lab to attending events in Founder Hall, will remain with me for years to come. I must acknowledge all the people I have encountered at SFC on a daily basis, caring and dedicated individuals who I am proud to call my extended family. My out of classroom experiences enhanced my character and provided me with long-lasting friendships.

My time here has proven to me that SFC provides all of its students with certain fundamentals. We all have been tested and tempered by the duties and obligations that have been required of us, and they will serve as the fuel for flight to distant heights of leadership, academic study, and public service. As students, we have been encouraged to participate actively in our respective communities.

“The Small College of Big Dreams” has shown all of us that great successes are within our abilities. I am blessed to have been a member of such a special community, and I can truly say that my experience at St. Francis College will continue to influence me for years to come.