

Senior Reflection

I think I speak for everyone by saying we all encounter transitions in our lives. We start our lives by saying a few words during our infant years, until we are able to formulate complete sentences. Childhood transitions are minor to us now, but there was a time when they were not.

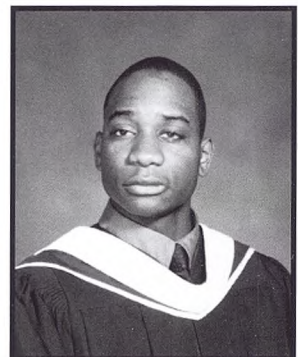
When thinking about SFC, the first thing that comes to mind is its slogan “The Small College of Big Dreams.” Personally, I feel SFC lives up to this theme by providing students with educational resources that offer real life perspectives. All of these experiences have enabled us to move forward into the real world. During my freshmen summer orientation, I recall being told that there was an open door policy to all on campus for student assistance and advice. In hindsight, faculty, staff, and administration of the college were always willing to help students, whether it was by reviewing a daily class lesson or offering guidance on complicated life decisions.

Throughout my undergraduate years, I had the opportunity to be a part of change both in and outside of our academic classrooms. Our campus progressed with newly furnished classrooms, a renovated library, study rooms, upgraded computer labs, and student lounge areas that helped to foster student engagement and community building. Within my major, the Psychology Department also added its own psychology lab, which immediately helped to enhance lessons and research.

I am truly grateful for the Franciscan values, culture, and role models that were presented to us here at SFC. Although we may be a small school, I believe that we all benefited from the chance to get to know each other within a familiar place.

Class of 2009, as we embark on life's newest journeys, I wish you all the best. And although it may feel like we are formulating our first words and steps again, please be patient. The end of this transition is yet another milestone. If you fall, just get back up!

-Victor William Ordde Jr, Class of 2009



Administrative Reflections

What a wonderful collection of memories lies in this yearbook! Pictures abound of friends and classmates, faculty and staff you've known, good times and challenging times, working, competing, and having fun together. I hope you enjoy the memories for many years to come and cherish the years you have been part of the St. Francis College family. This SFC distinction corresponds to the college's universal purpose - education that prepares students not for a specific profession but for life itself, for the moral, intellectual, social, civic, and spiritual maturity that accompanies a life well-lived.

As Director of the Career Center, I am privileged to work alongside such dedicated students, administration, faculty and staff. The combination of good students and talented educators creates a vibrant and caring Franciscan academic community here at SFC. The friends you have acquired, the experiences you have shared, and the knowledge you have gained provide a launching platform that will help you reach all of your professional and personal goals.

Special congratulation to all you. May you continue to value learning and grow in your understanding of yourself and others. Use the tools you have acquired in college to broaden your perception, to increase your comprehension, and to grow in wisdom. Make the world a little better world because of what you did. Treat each new day as a gift to be unwrapped and treasured. We send you off with high hopes and best wishes.

Respectfully,

Naomi Kinley, Director of Career Development

