

Liliana Rodriguez

Senior Reflection



I remember my first semester at St. Francis College as if I had just enrolled last fall. The day my parents dropped me off at the dorms for my first ever collegiate volleyball pre-season; I cried like a baby, begging them to not leave. The next 3 months I spent every free weekend at home rather than in Brooklyn, completely certain that being in New Jersey with my family and high school friends would undoubtedly be a better time than staying in the city. Four years later I can't imagine life outside of Brooklyn Heights, and am deeply saddened with the reality that I will not be able to spend every day with the teammates, athletes, classmates and mentors I've established relationships with along the way.

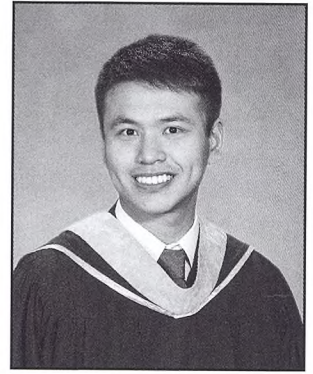
Upon entering St. Francis College, I regarded myself as simply an athlete, who would focus on only volleyball and school in order to obtain maximum results in both fields. As time went on however, I continued to involve myself in different activities and circles ranging from the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, to Student Government, to the Terriers Activities Group and working in both Athletics and Career Development. Through my involvement I continued to grow not only professionally, but also emotionally and personally. I also gained invaluable friendships and relationships with both students and administrators that I am sure will last for the rest of my life.

As a graduate of the St. Francis College Class of 2011, I am certain I can speak on behalf of all of my classmates when I say the past four years at the "Small College of Big Dreams" were rewarding and a life changing experience. The small, family-like atmosphere, along with the Franciscan ideals practiced and condoned by all members of the faculty, staff and administration are comforting to all students. Even entering the lobby and seeing the friendly faces of security guards, facility workers and friends makes a 9:00 am class a little more bearable.

I would like to take this moment to give a personal "Thank You" to everyone who has especially helped me throughout my undergraduate career including: my family, all the members of the Athletic Department (including my coaches, sports medicine trainers, etc), all the administrators in Student Affairs (particularly in Career Development & Student Activities), professors in the Business Management/I.T. Department, my teammates, fellow athletes and SGA members, and all other classmates I befriended. Without all of you I could have never achieved any of the accomplishments I have in the past four years. Whenever people ask me if I am excited to move on to life after college, I always say, "I wish I had one more year of NCAA eligibility to stay longer at St. Francis". In reality however, I am positive that all the knowledge and experiences I have acquired on Remsen Street will, without a doubt, allow me to excel in any future career-path.

Bono Lee

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Congratulations to the Class of 2011. In my 5 years at St. Francis College, I have been blessed to meet so many great professors, administrative staff, and friends from all around the country and world. As a transfer international student, I came to this school just wanting to experience a taste of the "Big Apple", never imaging myself getting so involved in the school and receiving so much out of it.

As I write this reflection, the year is finally coming to an end and my time at St. Francis College is almost over. When thinking about SFC, the first thing that comes to my mind is its slogan "The Small College of Big Dreams." Personally, I feel SFC lives up to this theme by providing students with quality educational resources. All of these experiences have enabled us to move forward into the real world.

Thank you to the entire Accounting, Business Law, and Mathematics Departments for making my years at St. Francis College an enlightening experience. I must also thank the Academic Enhancement Center for making my years more memorable through the service of peer tutoring. Additionally, I would also like to thank President Dugan and Chancellor Macchiarola for their never ending service and commitment to the ideals of our Franciscan Brothers. Moreover, I have to say a very special thank you to the Dean of Students, Cheryl Howell, whom I first met when I visited SFC five years ago. If it was not for her, I certainly would not be a graduate from St. Francis College.

In closing, I believe I can speak for all of us when I say that it has not always been an easy journey, but it definitely was a memorable one. Even though times are difficult, I hope all of you do not lose your sense of achievement, and no matter what you do after college, you hold onto your Franciscan values. In twenty years from now, I hope you all will remember the good times, but also the struggles you overcame that made you stronger.

Good luck and God bless!!!