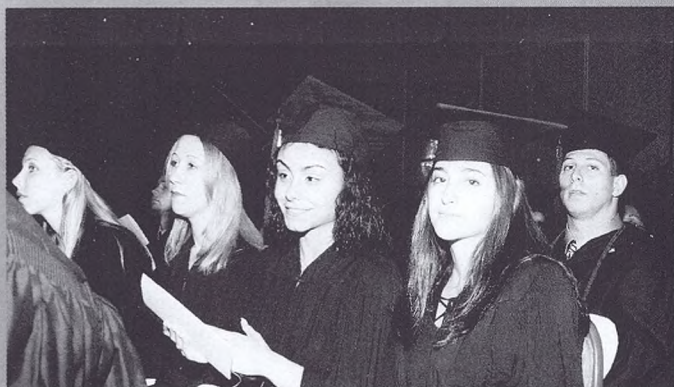
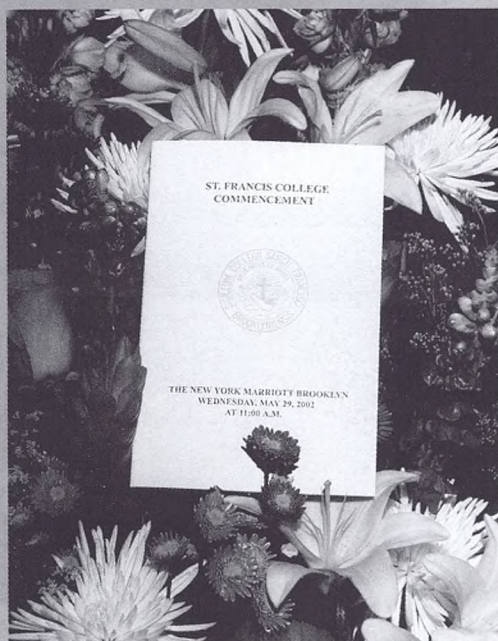
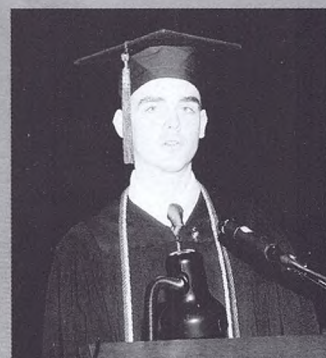
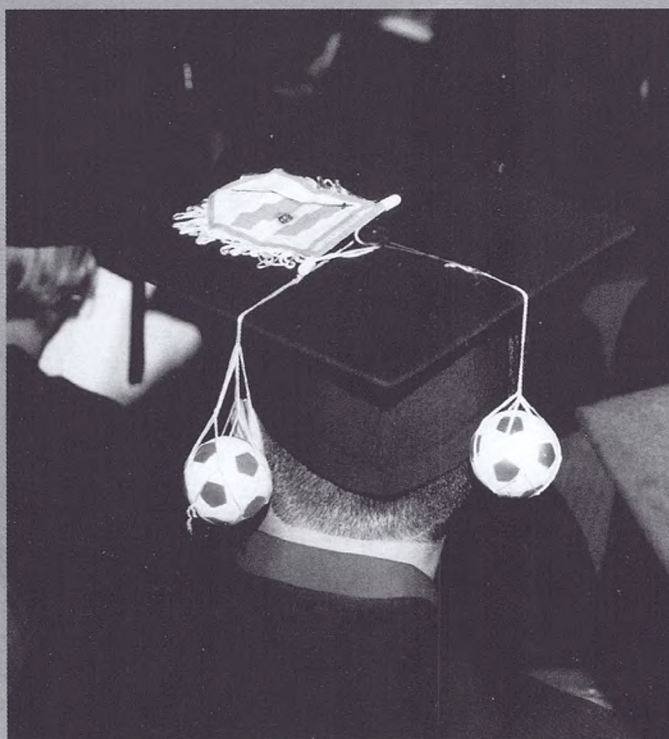
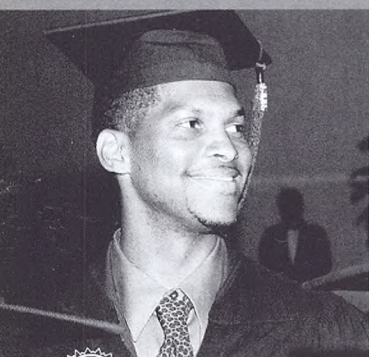


Commencement



Commencement exercises for the Class of 2002 reflected the double nature of a college education: preparation of the individual student for his/her personal life, but also to serve as a contributing member of the larger world around one, that is to say, to serve, in some meaningful way, society as a whole. There were three parts to the ceremonies. First, in awarding three honorary doctorates, including one to the current Mayor of New York City, the College recognized individuals whose lives have clearly been oriented towards the service of others, in education and the arts, in prison ministry, and in both the world of business and civic affairs. Each of the three honorees stands as a model for the graduating seniors.

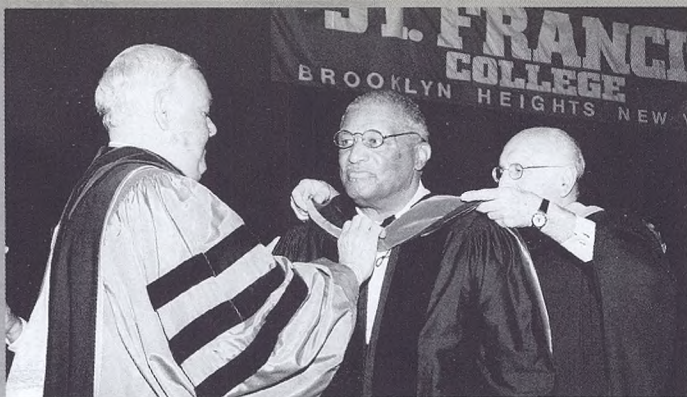


Brian Johnson, Valedictorian

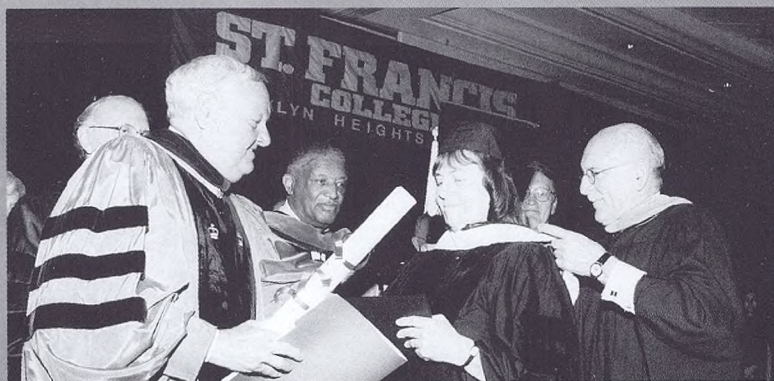




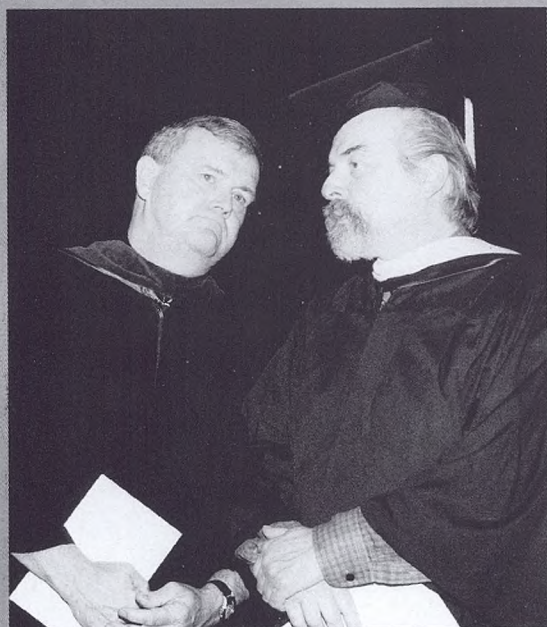
Mayor Michael Bloomberg receives the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws



Honorary degrees: John Motley and Sister Elizabeth Gnam



The second part of the day focused upon three students who perished at the World Trade Center. This reminds us that St. Francis College is not merely located in New York City; it plays a vibrant role of the city's life. The College's graduates and undergraduates work in almost every dimension of city life, and thus members of our community and of the Class of 2002 were there, working, on the fateful day. We were reminded too that a significant number of the top-level officials responsible for rescue that day were graduates of St. Francis College.



Philosophical "cogent formulations" exchanged by Br. Owen and Dr. Udoff

