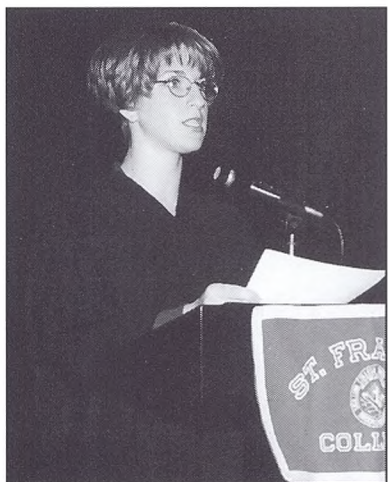


It is a tradition for the President of the Duns Scouts Honor Society to give an address to the new members before their inauguration. The following is an address given by this year's President of Duns Scotus Honor Society Anna Y. Shmulenson:



"Thank you President Macchiarola, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Thomas Volpe, Faculty, Administrators, Honored Guests and Fellow Students.

Welcome to our annual Charter Day. Every year on this day, a group of outstanding students and honorary administrators or faculty members are inducted into the Duns Scotus Honor Society. Duns Scotus Honor Society was named after a Franciscan Scholar whose wisdom and actions became the ideals of our organization.

While Duns Scotus members come from diverse backgrounds and various cultures, they have three things in common: academic excellence, active participation in extracurricular activities and hard work for advancement of St. Francis College and for benefit of our community.

Today, as our inductees are being recognized for their outstanding endeavors, and as our senior members are getting ready to graduate, we need not to forget those people, whose love, guidance, and support shaped us into the individuals, we are today.

From the first day I was born, my parents have given me their love and attention. They have done everything in their power to give me anything I needed to succeed, supporting me in every decision I have ever made. They sacrificed their careers, a set lifestyle, left their friends and relatives to bring my brother and me to America. A country, that every immigrant calls: "A land of opportunity". A country, where I could always make my own choices and with hard work and perseverance achieve anything I would strive for.

For the past four years, St. Francis College has been that "land of opportunity" for me.

From the first day Bro. George greeted me in the admissions office; St. Francis College, became my second home. Though in the past year, with the amount of time I spend daily at St. Francis, it should be considered my first home.

As I look back at the four years I spent at St. Francis, I think of many people, courses, and organizations that have been a major part of my life, and have greatly influenced me.

From my first day in the College Relations office, where I was lucky enough to meet Dr. Ann Amore, whose continuous guidance, valuable advisement, unconditional support and approval, have given me the confidence to reach for my dreams.

From my first freshman course with Dr. Greene, who without realizing it, helped me set my goals. It was him, who instilled in me a desire to become a member of Duns Scotus and to graduate from the College's Honors Program.

From my first biology course with Dr. Gussin, who first introduced me to the sciences, and then, taught me how to be successful in the competitive health field, by always expecting the best.

To my Senior Symposium moderated by Dr. Perper. An event, that gave me and other students an opportunity to share our knowledge and research with others.

And to all the clubs, organizations, committees and annual events that I took part in through my four-year career at St. Francis, where each activity has given me a wonderful experience. From the athletics department that gave me opportunity to be part of a team and to represent athletes in the Student Athlete Advisory Board, to the Student Government Association that gave me a chance to be a leader.

Participation in such activities is one of the requirements for the acceptance to the Duns Scotus Honor Society. The involvement in which shows student's interest in working for the benefit and advancement of St. Francis. I also see it, as a way to give back to an institution that has given us so much, because as St. Francis of Assisi said: "it is in giving, that we receive..."

And now, on behalf of our inductees and current members of the Duns Scotus Honor Society, I would like to thank our families, administrators, faculty members, and all our mentors whose hard work, guidance and support were instrumental parts in our success at St. Francis College.

Fellow students, congratulations on your achievement. Today, as you become members of the Duns Scotus Honor Society, I am confident that you will carry the ideals of our organization as you go on reaching for new heights and striving for new goals. But during your journey in this "land of opportunity", please remember the words of St. Francis, and always give back to those, that have guided you in your way.

Thank you."

Honors Program Scholars



The Honors Program offers the gifted students the opportunity to enroll in special interdisciplinary seminars and do research under the direction of distinguished professors. In order to graduate with an Honors degree, students must participate and complete four one-semester Honors seminar, and write a thesis involving serious and original research.