

Dominican honors Class of 2013 at Commencement

Share the credit. Know what makes you happy and you when you have achieved that. Speak the truth.

“No matter your physical, economical, emotional or intellectual differences or the degree are you are being awarded today, you all have one thing in common. That you had a vision for yourself that you have honored today,” King said. “While this accomplishment is yours and your families’, we will benefit from it. By graduating from college, you gained the future for yourself that your family may have always dreamed of. And you made a contribution to your community and your country.”

King, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the ceremony from Dominican President Mary B. Marcy, addressed 356 undergraduate and 190 graduate students on a bright and sunny day at Forest Meadows Field.

Elizabeth Castellanos, who graduated with honors and a bachelor’s degree in biology and minors in mathematics and chemistry, received Dominican’s Outstanding Student Award.

Gerard Cabarse delivered the Senior Class address and Kathleen Smith gave the Graduate Class address.

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King’s career as a broadcast journalist spans 25 years and includes network stints with ABC’s “Good Morning America Sunday” and the “CBS Morning News.” She joined San Francisco’s CBS-5 (KPIX) as news anchor in 1997. In her 15 years at KPIX, King travelled extensively for the station, bringing to her Bay Area viewers reports of struggle, survival, and perseverance from around the world.

Her travels took her to Honduras to report on the consequences of Hurricane Mitch; to Rwanda to mark the 10-year commemoration of the genocide; to Ghana to report on the inhumane treatment of women accused of witchcraft; to Afghanistan to cover post-war/pre-presidential election stories; as well as to Iraq, Albania, Turkey, and Kosovo.

King’s reporting from Honduras earned an Emmy. Her work in Rwanda received two honors from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTNDA), including the Edward R. Murrow Award in 2005. She won another Edward R. Murrow Award in 2008 for her stories from Ghana. In all, King’s reporting has earned her five Emmy awards, two Edward R. Murrow awards, two Gracie awards, and four RTDNA awards.

During her tenure, KPIX’s late-night newscasts rose to the top of the ratings. In the November 2012 sweep, “CBS 5 Eyewitness News” was the Bay Area’s most-watched 11 p.m. newscast. King left her anchor post in December 2012 to pursue her art career.

King’s art includes works of classical sculpture, charcoal drawing, and oil painting. Her work has been featured at galleries throughout the Bay Area. In 2012, King received the Jan Hart Schuyers Artistic Achievement Award in recognition of her accomplishments as a sculptor.

King's extensive community service includes work with MarinKids, The Center for Domestic Peace, Sunny Hills Services, Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, the World Affairs Council, the Women's Initiative, the American Red Cross, Museum of the African Diaspora, National Philanthropy Day, and the Commonwealth Club. She is a member of Dominican University of California's School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board.

King graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. She is the mother of two college-age children.

Commencement 2013 concluded with a special tribute to John Kennedy, who will retire on July 31 after 29 years as Dominican's Vice President for Student Affairs.

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