

Lexington College

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Former Dean and Author Delivers Keynote Address to Graduates at Lexington College

CHICAGO –Dr. Madonna Murphy, Professor of Education at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, will be the keynote speaker at commencement exercises on May 16 at 6pm at Lexington College. One of the 2007 Bachelor degree graduates, Sandra Madrid, will be the student speaker for this year's graduating class.

Dr. Murphy is the author of three books and has taught philosophy, ethics, and character education to college students for the past twenty years. Dr. Murphy is also the character education consultant for a series of children's books published by Capstone Press and is a site visitor for the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools Panel and a member of the Character Education Partnerships Blue Ribbon Character Education Award Committee.

Dr. Murphy was the Dean of Lexington College in 1986 and accomplished many things at Lexington in her ten years including: approval from the Board of Education to operate as a college, accreditation from North Central Association, approval from the federal government to offer financial aid to students, authority to issue visas to international students and organized the ten year anniversary of Lexington College with a visit from world-renowned Chef Louis Szathmary, who owned the Bakery Restaurant and later became Founder of the world's largest culinary museum.

Lexington College is a not-for-profit, private, accredited women's college in Chicago's West Loop offering a Bachelor's degree program specializing in Hospitality Management with four specializations: culinary arts, event planning, hotel/restaurant management and health care & wellness.