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## ***The Mission of Service is the True Measure of Success***

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On Sunday, May 15, 2011 I attended a graduation commencement ceremony held at Siena College in New York. My niece, a prospective CPA candidate, was one of eight hundred thirty-two students who received bachelor's degrees from Siena's school of business, science and liberal arts.

The purpose of this commentary is not for a proud uncle to share his niece's academic achievements, but rather to share with you the impressive underlying theme of the commencement addresses from the various speakers that I heard that day. This is a message that not only applies to the graduates, but should be the foundation for the actions of every person, young or old, in any engagement of life.

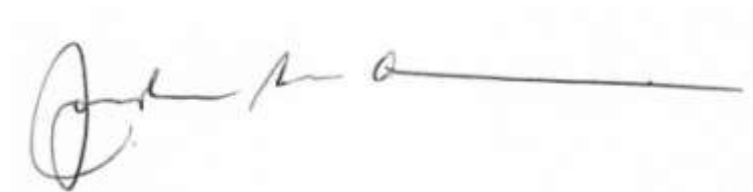
Every speaker at the commencement ceremony spoke of "service", whether it was service to the community, service to a cause, service to a prospective employer, service to one another, or ultimately service to God. The message was very simple, yet profound – so right on!

It was refreshing to hear such a message in this current age. I would have imagined that the theme of the messages at the ceremony would simply center on the words "congratulations", "you made it through", or "good luck for the future". As opposed to these basic and generic platitudes, I learned that the curriculum at Siena offered its students a structured and concise philosophy for life – the

giving of service to one another. This philosophy is concrete for the young adult, becoming the building block for life and the foundation for growth and success in the future.

Speakers at the ceremony did touch on the fact that hard economic times exist in this country and that it may be difficult to get a job, but then kept coming back to the “mission of service” message. Such a message is uplifting and encouraging, and points the individual to what ultimately is the measure of true success. Service is the basis for ethical leadership and personal development.

While we all need employment to provide for our families and survive in society, employment is so much more. A job serves as an avenue for an individual to fulfill his or her “mission of service” philosophy as a way of life. Such members of society make a difference in their communities by offering a pattern of love to their fellow citizens. This is true success – a willingness for individuals to go out of their way to give assistance to their fellow men and women, thereby producing a quality product and fulfilling needs of the public.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph-Paul Timpano', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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