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GRADUATE STUDENTS TOLD TO EMBRACE JOY AT HOODING CEREMONY

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(Worcester, Mass.) -- Dr. Susan Rezen, professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders, urged Worcester State College graduates to never “postpone joy,” in her keynote address at the third annual Worcester State College hooding ceremony, Friday, May 16. She urged the crowd of graduates, faculty, friends, and families gathered in the Sullivan Auditorium to seize all opportunities large and small that bring joy to themselves and others. “I don’t mean to just be self-indulgent,” she said. She challenged the graduates to also give something back, saying that “Happiness is not something you find. It’s something you create.” As she cleaned out her office to prepare for retirement, what was most dear, and what she cherished and kept, were the letters and emails from students over the years thanking her for making a difference.

“I think it’s fair to say that the world needs your educated mind, your mastery of your discipline, and your sense of community now, more than ever,” Worcester State College President Dr. Janelle Ashley told the graduates.

Andrew Sciannameo, who received his Master of Science degree in Management, told the audience that the graduates were “better equipped for what employers are looking for: leadership.” He also outlined what he sees as his four guiding principles: integrity, intensity, intelligence, and innovation.

One-hundred-eighty-two masters degree graduates and candidates from August 2007, December 2007, and May 2008 were recognized in the following programs: Biotechnology, Community Health Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, English, Health Care Administration, Health Education, History, Leadership and Education Administration, Management, Middle School, Moderate Special Needs, Non-Profit Management, Occupational Therapy, Reading, Secondary Education,

Spanish, and Speech Language Pathology.

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