

**Student Lasallian Commencement Address**  
**December 2009**  
**Presented by: Cody Roberts**

Good afternoon, members of the Board of Trustees, Brother James, honored guests, faculty, staff, fellow graduates, parents, family and friends.

It has been said that with great challenge comes great success and opportunity!

In the early 1700's a French priest by the name of John Baptist De La Salle founded dozens of schools to provide an education to the poor in the complacent, class-based educational system in France. He organized a religious order of men committed to teaching practical skills to the less fortunate so that they

Today, those who teach in Lasallian schools like Lewis University carry on the L

the challenges of our time; just as John Baptist De La Salle did, and become change makers.

I believe that as we leave here today informed by our Lasallian values, it is our responsibility to use our Lewis education and our experiences here to create change in our world that will make a positive difference in the lives of others, to provide solutions for society's problems, and to demonstrate values-based leadership in the organizations, institutions, and systems in which we will work.

With great challenges come great opportunities! Class of December 2009, congratulations!