



# The Evening Star

Empire College Evening School Student Newsletter - 13th Edition - January 12, 2009



## Welcome to Empire College's Graduation Ceremony January 27, 2009 ~ 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts

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For the first time in College history the Evening School, both students and instructors, will be attending the bi-annual graduation ceremony in lieu of classes. There will be a table set up in the lobby of the Wells Fargo Center for students to check in and be marked present for the evening. Please be there no later than 6:45pm so that you can get a good seat! All instructors will be introduced by College President Roy Hurd so be prepared to cheer for your favorites.



The commencement address will be given by Assemblyman Jared Huffman. For those of you in the legal program, this is a great time to make some very important political contacts! Our student speaker will be Lisa Leandro, who is in the paralegal program. And last, but certainly not least, Ryan Donham, our IT Department Head, will be our faculty speaker. I'm sure our "techie" will

have their cheering section ready to go! Medical students, come in your scrubs. You'll make a colorful section to applaud your fellow students and give them the motivation to get those great jobs. Business and Accounting students, show your spirit by giving the graduates a great big round of applause!

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New Thoughts from Space:

*"We spend January first walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential." ~Ellen Goodman*

# **My New Year's Resolution is... To Always Believe in Myself and My Ability to Succeed!**

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## Attending Graduation Promotes Success!

- ◆ Volunteer! The graduation ceremony is a great volunteer opportunity. You can volunteer as Ushers or Servers, and you will receive a certificate which can be added to your employment portfolio. See Sherie Hurd to sign up!
- ◆ Networking! It is a fantastic networking opportunity. If you are in attendance you will be recognized as an Empire student by the employment community and may have the chance to talk with local employers after the ceremony. You will also be able to listen to prominent local figures during the ceremony.
- ◆ It is an excellent chance to support friends and peers who have completed their programs. It is not only a look forward to where you are heading, but is also an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication it took graduating students to reach their goals. Seeing success inspires success!
- ◆ Bring your family! The ceremony is kid-friendly and is a chance for you to show your family what you are working towards. It is a great motivator for school-age children!
- ◆ You get to enjoy a night off from note taking, testing, and carrying your book bag!
- ◆ Most importantly: It's fun!



~ You can do anything if you believe you can! ~  
R2D2 and OB1

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### New Thoughts from Space:

"Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference." ~Arie Pencovici