Students, faculty, staff, parents and friends filled the sanctuary of the St. Mathews Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky at the Spring 2011 commencement. Ann Randolph, Policy Advisor for the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence, gave the keynote address. She challenged the graduates to use their training to address the problems that overconsumption of energy resources has created, to be lifelong learners in a culture that is constantly changing. She encouraged them to bring new ideas to the table, and asked them to look at new ways that design fields and technical fields can work together to preserve and sustain our environment and our quality of life. Following her address, special honors and awards were presented. Cameras flashed as the graduates in caps and gowns proudly received their certificates, diplomas, associate and bachelor’s degrees. A reception followed the ceremony.

Unlike many other educational institutions, SCTD graduates students every December, March, June and September and holds two formal commencements in April and October. The 2011 Fall graduation will be Saturday, October 8. Everyone is invited to attend this joyous occasion.

“Of the speakers, I appreciated Executive Director David Winkler’s remarks the most. The setting at St. Mathews Baptist Church was beautiful, and the ceremony was well-organized and ran smoothly. Thank you for understanding that family members would want to take pictures and even encouraging it! We enjoyed the reception very much; it was nice to have the opportunity to meet professors and staff.”

MEL HUMES, Katrina’s father