Susan Martello-Gill

1. Size group- large 100+ people.
2. Speech will be delivered to family, administrators, colleagues, invited guests.
3. The event will be held at a hall on campus. It is a graduation ceremony for masters and PhD nursing graduates. I was chosen to give a speech for the PhD graduates.
4. Speech should be funny, heartwarming, sentimental as well as informative and serious.
5. Erin a fellow student motivated me to finish my research study. Both of us were 7 years into the PhD program and stalled out for a few years. I began to feel like a failure and questioned my ability to complete the degree. She “lit the fire” to get me motivated to complete the dissertation and earn the PhD degree. Erin is high energy, funny, and kind.
6. I would like Dr. Lothian my dissertation chair to be mentioned as she supported me and a potentially controversial dissertation topic. She referred to the dissertation process as a journey which ultimately proved to be my experience. Both she and Erin were a true inspiration to me.
7. 7. I want the audience to feel inspired, that anything can be accomplished through motivation, hard work, and dedication.
8. I would like the audience to feel motivated to chase their dreams and continue on with their educational endeavors or any other goals they set aside for themselves.
9. Deadline is May 15, 2019.
10. I feel a true sense of accomplishment by completing this degree. I questioned myself as to whether or not I would achieve my goal of completing my dissertation and earning my PhD in nursing. When I dedicated myself to doing the work necessary to complete the degree, I found that I was in fact able to do so. I enjoyed the research process. The professors at Seton Hall University, especially my dissertation committee were very supportive and encouraged me to complete the degree.