

118th ~~123rd~~ COMMENCEMENT



This year's commencement exercises, held on May 18, 1987, marked a first in the Gallaudet community because it marks the first graduating class of Gallaudet University.

Present with us were family, friends, administrators, faculty, the board of trustees, distinguished guests and the two recipients of Gallaudet's honorary degrees. They were Congressman Silvo Conte and Oscar Award winning actress, Marlee Matlin.

The guest speaker, the Honorable Larry M. Speakes, Senior Vice-President of Merrill Lynch & Co. and former chief spokesman for the President of the United States spoke on the successes of young americans who have entered the job market in the past 2-3 years and are now top executives of their companies. He also said not to let youth become our handicap.

All in all, about 250 graduates showed up, all decked out in their caps and gowns to finally say "I MADE IT!" after years and years of school.

