

# Postcards from Professional Paradise



## Your Passport to Professional Paradise

### Congratulations Graduates!



I've recently been to a couple of college and high school graduation ceremonies and since it's that time of year, I'm guessing that some of you may have been as well. Between the two, there were five speakers (three students and two "grown ups") who shared wishes for the class of 2009. They were all fabulous and each one gave me something interesting to think about.

As you might guess, the common message of all the speakers was the bittersweet ending of one stage of life and the hopeful beginning of another. I had to stop and wonder how many of these college graduates would be able to create their own Professional Paradise as they embark on their first career in this rocky economy. For the high school graduates heading to college, would they find Personal Paradise in this next stage?

I couldn't help but think about what I would have done differently if I were just graduating this spring. Would I still choose nursing for my undergraduate degree or human resources for my masters? Would the University of Florida still be the best choice? Would working as a traveling consultant for my sorority have been the right choice for my first real job? Gratefully, I kept thinking, "yes, yes, yes and yes". You see, I realized long ago that no matter what I'm doing there's paradise to be found; therefore, any choice was an excellent choice as long as I was consciously engaged in finding paradise along the way.

Unquestionably, what I've learned as I've graduated from each stage of my life to the next is that my beliefs and mindsets about any set of circumstances (including last year's rounds of chemotherapy) drive my actions and outcomes. Last month I showed you the **Paradise Performance Paradigm™** and here it is again for your review.



My message for the new grads (and for all of you as well) is that you too can find paradise right where you are. You can consciously choose to stay in paradise even when those around seem bent on prison. No matter what's happening externally, you can always control your beliefs and mindset. I'm not saying it's easy. I'm saying it works. If you want to find specific tools to get there, please visit [www.ProfessionalParadise.com](http://www.ProfessionalParadise.com) and click on **Free Paradise Tools**.

You are now officially in the class of 2009 - you have graduated from your old ways of thinking and are now embarking on the next stage of your journey to Professional Paradise. Congratulations Graduates!

Signing off from Professional Paradise-

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