

UWO CONVOCATION

Art therapy graduate happy helping others



The Nigerian-born man is one of the first four graduates from the UWO program started in 1987.

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Nigerian-born Gani Braimoh heaved a big sigh of relief after receiving his diploma Monday afternoon in Alumni Hall at the University of Western Ontario.

Braimoh was among about 600 graduates who took part in Western's convocation ceremony for the faculties of business administration, social sciences and part-time and continuing education. Convocation continues today through Friday. About 4,500 students will receive degrees and diplomas.

More importantly for Braimoh, 31, was that he was among the first four students to graduate from Western's art therapy program that started in 1987.

Art therapists encourage their patients to communicate their feelings and thoughts non-verbally through pictures and with clay. "I got it," he said, showing his diploma. "I feel great."

Braimoh left Nigeria at the age of 21 and studied French in Paris for two years before coming to Canada in 1980. He met his wife, Christine, here. They have two children.

For daddy it's kisses with love from Jessica Braimoh, 5, left, and sister Lola, 4, following Gani Braimoh's graduation from the University

of Western Ontario on Monday. Braimoh, born in Nigeria, was one of the first four graduates of the art therapy program.

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