

DEAR FAMILY

Messages to families from the Class of 2021

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Dear Kritty, Jeff, and Barnacle Ben, Thank you for being the best! I'll be able to scrub so many seals with this degree. I love you guys!!!

- Molly



Thank you Mom, Dad, Ariel,
and Lucillia for all of your love
and support. I always felt like
you were all in my corner these
last three semesters of school. I
can't wait for the next chapter of
life and look forward to our
next nature walk.

Love, Sam



Dear Mom, Dad, Max, and Grandma,

Thank you for giving me the love and support I needed to succeed in this endeavor. You are the people who encourage me to keep going even when I am tired or sad. Love you all and can't wait to move close to home next year.

Love,
Abi



গত ৪ বছর ধরে
আমার পাশে থাকার
জন্য ধন্যবাদ

- Abrar Rahman Protyasha



Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, 2 schools (3 if you count SU) later and I finally got this degree! Thanks for hanging in there and supporting me throughout this crazy ride. Between transferring, going to school while getting back surgery during a pandemic, and all the little bumps along the way, I couldn't have done this without you guys. Time to go get a master's in the Maryland football team's major!

- Ava Schwartz





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Dear mom,

Thank you for always taking the time to cook and pack food for me and doing such a good job on the packing that the seven hours' bus ride from home to campus I never had spilled food on my bags. Also thank you to the rest of my family for always being so supportive.

- Joty Rashid





Thank you, Dad and Mom, for all you have sacrificed and given for my future. Jasmine, Emily, and Ethan, thanks for making me laugh and happy every time we are together. I am so grateful for the love and support that you all have endlessly given me. I wouldn't be here without you. I love you all so much!

- Rachel Xue



Thank you mom & dad for your constant motivation and words of wisdom. You believed in me even when I doubted myself. Love you Adi, for keeping me in check and pushing me to always do better.

Here's to a brighter and happier future!!

- Harshitha G



Porque cuidan mis alas para que pueda volar alto y porque me enseñaron a no tenerle miedo a los retos. Papá y mamá, los amo y le agradezco a Dios por tenerlos. Son mi fortaleza, mis pilares, y mi fijo recordatorio de donde vengo y de los valores y principios que son parte de mí. Este logro también es suyo.

- Ana Javiera Garcia





Յայրիկիս, մայրիկիս, քրոջս...

Ավարտվում է մեր երթերից ևս մեկը,
որն անհնար կլիներ առանց ձեր
անսահման սիրո և աջակցության:
Այսօր առավել ամուր եմք, քան երբևէ:
Մեզ, որպես ընտանիքի, դեռ այնքան
նվաճումներ են սպասվում, որոնց
հասնելու համար պետք է լինենք
միմյանց առաջխաղացման
լույսնորոտիկը: Ես ձեզ սիրում եմ
աշխարհից առավել: Չկան խոսքեր,
նկարագրելու իմ
երախտապարտությունն ու
հպարտությունը, որ հենց ձեզ եմ
կոչում ընտանիք:

- Anush Mehrabyan



Mom & Dad - Thank you so much for being my support system, #1 fans, and my best friends since day one, no matter what. I will always appreciate and cherish everything you've done and continue to do for me more than you'll ever know. I love you!

- Lauren Allende





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To all the very strong women who supported me through my journey, The School of St Jude's, family & Friends; Asante Sana!

- Enock Kivuyo





Dear Mama and Da, I know that this past year has been rough on all of us and I have gone through a lot in college overall, but thank you for sticking with me through all of it and having faith that I could get to where I am today.

- Kala Kramer



Thank you guys for everything! I cannot thank you enough for the love and support you all have for me. Love you!

- Sammi Re





Thank you for your endless support and encouragement. The love and concern you have for me never goes unnoticed. I know you all will forever be my biggest fans on the stage, in the lab, at the clinic, and throughout my life. I am so proud to be representing our family today as I graduate from college!

- Alydia Meinecke



Mom – thank you for loving me unconditionally.

Dad – I hope I made you proud little bit. Always look up to you.

Mak – thanks for pushing beyond my limits.

O-jiichan, O-baachan I finally did it. But the marathon continues.

- Masashi Kawabata





Thank you to my family for always supporting me and cheering me on. I'm grateful to have such a strong team on my side, including those not in this picture. Can you believe I'm already graduating from UofR? It seems not long ago that we were hiking all my things up four flights of stairs on a hot day.

- Kayla Zilke





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Dear Ms Dandan Su.

You are the best mother in the world. Thank you for supporting me and understand me these years. I will try my best to pay back in the future. I wish you healthy and happy.

Your Daughter
Yijin Zhao



Dear Family,
I always feel blessed to have such great
parents and siblings who give so much
love and supports. I could never achieve
this without you! Love you as always!

- Chenjie(Lucy) Song



We wish Dad a merry Christmas
We wish Mom a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

- Shangzan (Sunny) Liu





Four years ago, I left our home after eighteen years of living together. Today, even though you could not come and join me for the commencement, I would like to say a big THANK YOU! Thank you for making this amazing journey happen for me! 感恩<3

- Yiyun Wang



Dear Family,

Thank you so much for all of your support throughout the years & helping me to believe that I can do anything I set my mind to. I couldn't have done this without you constantly cheering me on, no matter the occasion. Love you to the moon and back.

- Saskia Paines





Thank you mom and dad! Onto the next adventure!

- Ziyi You





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Dear Family,

Thank you for keeping me sane during the blur that is being an undergrad. Special thanks to my mom, Pam, for my Snix pix of the days! Thanks to my dad, Ed, for sending me a text every Friday before Shabbat. Thanks to Dorina for sending me snaps of our doggie, Snickers, in a hiking backpack.

Love,
Anna



感谢我所有的家人在我人生 22 年中给予我的爱和支持，每个人都发挥着不同的作用。在远离他乡的四年间，我逐渐长大也理解了作为成年人要承担的责任和压力，同时佩服你们长久地努力精彩着微笑着。谢谢你们，我也会努力灿烂。

- 尚元





Mom & Dad,

We made it! Words cannot express how grateful I am for your unconditional love and support, and your commitment to my education these past four years. Thank you for giving me space to grow but always cheering me on from a distance (all 500 miles). Here's to one last 6-hour drive home from undergrad!

All my love,
Taylor



Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all of your sacrifices, for working harder than anyone to give me a good education, and for raising me to be a better person every day. And thank you to my sister, for always supporting me from behind. I've reached my dreams of being an engineer, now I just can't wait to come home.

- Ashley Rattine Sok





Thank you for being my safety net and supporting (almost) everything I want to do. Sorry I didn't call home unless something was wrong... :)

- Elissa Moy





To the people who brought me into and gave me the world, this is for you. Mama, papa, and Tim thank you for sticking with me through every sleepless night and being there with crepes through so many needed mornings. Everything I do is for you three, so looks like we all just earned ourselves a Bachelor's degree!

- Nicole Kuznetsov





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Thank you to my Barker and Carpentier families for loving and supporting me unconditionally throughout my time at the University of Rochester! Thank you to the Bender family for being my home away from home these past 4 years! I could not have done it without you all! I cannot say thank you enough!

- Catherine (Katie) Barker





Dear Family,

Thank you for your endless support and love. To my mom and step-dad, the past four years would have been much harder if I hadn't you to lean on for support and advice. To my little siblings, thank you for reminding me to take life a little less seriously and for always providing me with a good laugh. Love you!

- Emily Corbett-Valade



I want to give a huge thank you to my family for all of their support and encouragement! I am so grateful for all of you for pushing me to achieve during these last four years.

Life Before Death
Strength Before Weakness
Journey Before Destination.

- Hannah Jaques



Thank you to my wonderful parents and sister! Sometimes all I needed was a reminder that a test wasn't the end of the world. I'm glad that no matter what you will always be just a phone call away.

- Danielle Bovie





Mom, Dad, and Ray, I cannot thank you all enough for always being my biggest supporters. From encouraging me to do my best, listening to me talk about my classes and assignments, and helping me realize my potential, I couldn't have done this without you. Love you all!

- Chloe Jones



I am grateful to God, and to my wonderful, supportive parents for providing me with this opportunity. May this be the start of greater things to come.

- Ejiroghene Davies-Okarevu





Thank you for everything you have done to support me through 4 years of college. I wouldn't have been able to do it without your constant support and love, and pushing me to improve myself and be the best version I could be. どうもありがとうございます！

- Eimi Oda





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Dear Families:

Thank you for the love, support and guidance that you have provided to the Class of 2021. Be proud of your role in helping them reach this important milestone.

Congratulations!

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Congratulations to the
Class of 2021 and all of
your loved ones!

