

Dear Mom and Dad,

Messages to parents from UR seniors...



2009 seniors say 'thanks' to their parents.

In April 2009, Seniors were invited to submit a brief entry of 50 words or less to "Dear Mom and Dad," to honor their parents and family as they graduate from the University of Rochester. The following messages were submitted from the senior Class of 2009.

Being away from home for the past four years has helped me to grow and love you all the more. Thank you for sending me on this journey to find myself. Even in Switzerland I will carry you both deep in my heart. I love you both!"

Your favorite daughter, Julie Shin

Regardless of our past struggles and hardships, I'm where I am today because of your compassion, insight, and most of all, your patience. Because of this, you have allowed me to approach the world with an inquisitive yet open mind. You have given me so many opportunities, and I am forever grateful."

Love, Bill (William Sipprell)

I can never thank you enough for always listening to me laugh and cry and tell a million rambling stories. Thank you for always being there even when I'm convinced I never need help. I love you lots and lots and lots and lots and even more than that."

Kali Cohn

Thanks Mom, Krisy, Jenny, and all of my family and friends for all of the love and support!"

Julie

Mom and Dad, you have shaped the person I've become. Thank you for everything! When I grow up, I want to be just like you!!! I love you!"

JR

Mom-Thank you so much for all that you have sacrificed for me to achieve this milestone in my life. I could not have done this without all your help and support. I am so happy to have you as my mom. You are #1! I love you."

Linda Argueta

Thank you for your unwavering support during my four, eventful years at the University of Rochester. Without your enduring love and assistance I am not sure that I'd be able to accomplish all that I have in the past four years. I am sincerely grateful for this. Please know that you are truly loved and appreciated."

Krista Van Beuren

These four years have been unbelievable with your constant support. I appreciate you guys coming to my every swim meet and band concert, and believing in me when I wanted to pursue my dreams. College has taught me much, but you've truly prepared me for the real world. I love you guys."

Love, Jill

Without your unconditional support I couldn't have made it this far. Without your sacrifices, I wouldn't have appreciated my education and the opportunities awarded me. Without you, I wouldn't be the first Reyes Ortiz with a B.A.! I pray I've made you proud. I love you!"

Bianca Krystina Reyes

Thank you so much for helping me get through school here! I'll never forget my experiences here, and I have you to thank for them!"

Love, Sean

M&D: Thank you so much for all your love and support. From athletics to academics and every breath I take, you have pride and confidence in everything I do. Tara and Rex, I love having you here at college with me. You're all the best family I could ask for."

Erica Gelb

I can't tell you both how much your support has meant to me in these past four years, and it's nice to know that you will always be there for me no matter where life takes me. Love you both."

Ben Plog

My best friends. Through a rough freshman year, crazy roommates, London and all the pep talks, you always knew I had what it took to be great and do well. Your support means the world to me and has helped me get where I am today. Thank you for everything."

Love, Jessica Mueller

Dear Carolyn and Herb,

Thank you for all the love and support over the last 22 years. Thank you for all the tutors in grade school, all the emotional support through college, and for all the wonderful things that you have yet to help me with but I know will come eventually. I will always remember and appreciate it...especially when choosing an old folks home for you two...but really, thank you!"

Love always, Katie

Without your love and support, I would not be where I am today. Thank you for standing by me and encouraging me to reach for the stars. My future is bright, and I owe much of my success to you."

With Love, Eleanor Bliss Ferry

Dear Mom, Thank you so much for the support, guidance, and love you have always given me, and for the sacrifices you have made for my benefit. It has meant so much to me to have a mother and best friend like you."

Love, Kristen DeCarlo

Dear Mum and Dad, Thank you for everything you have ever done for me and told to me. Thank you for loving me no matter what I do."

Love always, G

Thank you so much for your help and guidance over the years. Your support has made a tremendous impact on my life and has been instrumental in my success at U of R. I will miss you both next year!"

Love, Kate Lewis

I am so grateful for all your love, sacrifice, and prayers during my life, especially these past four years. I am thankful that God's blessed me with amazing parents that support all my endeavors. Your influence has shaped me to be the person I am today. Thanks Mummy and Daddy!"

Love, Jenie George

Thank you so much for your help and support during the last four years. I know I don't say it enough, but I truly appreciate your encouragement and advice. If it weren't for you, I know that I would not be where I am today."

Love, Nikki (Nicole Ruszczak)

Thanks for the support over the past four years. It has truly meant a lot and I appreciate it more that you could ever imagine. Thanks again and love you lots!"

Brian

Six(minus one)Schotts, Thanks for all the support through the years. It's been a long haul, and you've helped me every step of the way. Carry laughter with you wherever you go. GO NAVY! pad mwnage."

Love, Alexandra

Dear Daddy and Momma, Your encouragement and love have served as invaluable forces in helping me to grow and feel comfortable with the woman that I am becoming. Even though, I'll always be your girl."

Love, Lizee

I'm graduating FOR REAL this year and I can't wait. You two have been so patient with me even though I know I can be brat (SOMETIMES). Thanks for always rooting for me, I couldn't have accomplished my dreams without you guys!"

Love you always, Sandra Stephanie Garcia

Thank you for all your care and support. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you!"

Love you, Alex Papastrat

Daddy and Maja, No one in this world has the life you've given me. All that I have grown to be is from the influence of your love. From all the dances on the ceiling and reading in the rocking chair, all the way to graduate school, thank you for guiding my way."

Love, Katie

Mom, Thanks so much for always being there and believing in me. You are the best!"

Abby Woodward

Thanks for everything! You guys are the best."

Love, Matt Starr

Thanks for all your love and support over the past four years."
Emily Rosenfeld

Thank you, thank you, and thank you. My appreciation and gratitude are endless for everything you have done, and continue to do, for me. Thank you and I love you."
Asher Perzigian '09

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate everything you have done for me in the past 22 years. You have no idea how much your constant love and support has truly helped me become the person I am today. You are the best!"
Mindy Altemose

I can't thank you both enough for your commitment, support, and love over the past four years. It has been the absolute best and without you two none of this would have been possible. Matt Shea and Nana, that goes for you too. I love you guys."
Michael Shea

Thank you for all of the late night, early morning, and mid afternoon chats over the past four years. Your love and support keeps me motivated, making it through each day with a smile on my face. And there is never enough tape. I love you!"
Nadia Byrnes

Mom, Dad and Ali, I cannot thank you enough for all of your love and support that have gotten me to where I am today. I couldn't have done it without you!"
Love, Cait

Thank you for everything you have done for me. Without you I wouldn't be able to be standing where I am today. I hope that I have made you proud, because I know I am proud to call you my mother. I love you."
Danae

You have allowed Maddy, Jeremy, and I the freedom to discover our own paths and the support to achieve all of our dreams. I would like to thank you for creating a home full of love and care. Besos y abrazos."
Sara Goico

Thank you so much for the opportunity to come to Rochester. I've loved my 4 years here and look forward to Take-5 in the fall. See you for graduation!"
Love, Zach Shulruff

Thank you for your love and support especially in the last four years. Your words of wisdom and encouragement have truly been helpful. I am really excited that the whole family will be able to see me graduate! I love you so much!"
Selenid M. Gonzalez

I will be forever indebted to you for your constant subsidies, occasional pressure to do things I had no interest in completing, and never-ending words of praise and encouragement. Without you, I would be nowhere close to where I am today. Thank you for everything and I love you!"
Roger Smith

Dear Appa & Umma,
People always say the best things about college are freedom and partying. For me the best thing was realizing that even after four years of pondering what I want to do after college my parents truly trust me to find the right way. "There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child." (H.W. Beecher)"
Love, Danielle

Thank you for your support these four years, for helping me take responsibility for what I do, for enduring all the complaints of the six month long winters, for your encouragement, and for filling my CPU Box full of surprises. :P"
Love, Jen

You raised me to work hard and to follow my heart and I wouldn't be here without you. It's meant so much to me that you came to all of my games and that you were always there when I needed you. Thank you so much, I love you."
Love, Maeghan Kirsch

Reis Family - Thanks for not stopping in on random weekends despite being only four hours away! You managed to find the delicate balance between giving me independence and support. I'll let you know when I figure out what I'm doing in the near future."
Love, Lee

Thank you for all of your unwavering support, for enabling the opportunities for me to pursue my ambitions and goals, and for sharing in my

successes. I will always continue to make you proud."

Much love, Renata

I couldn't have done it without both of you. I love you both so much. Thank you for everything."

With love, Your Daughter, Katie Hiler

I don't think I could've made it here without you. You have always been there to support me in everything that I have done and I am so lucky to have such great parents. Thank you for everything. I love you both so much!"

Thanks, Michelle Levine