

Dear Mom and Dad,

Messages to parents from UR seniors...

Dearest Mommy, Daddy, Vishal & Dinesh:

To my parents -thank you for bringing me food when I got homesick, for doing my laundry, and for relaying infinite life lessons in the car. And to my brothers -thank you for introducing me to action movies, for the random phone calls of motivation, and for "building my character" through your constant teasing. Overall, thank you for believing in me! Love, Meghu

Dear Mom & Dad, This diploma is just as much yours as it is mine. You have always inspired me to do my best and have supported me in every decision I have made. I love you to pieces!
Love, Hannah B

I would not have become the man I am today were it not for the guidance of my parents. I hope that my life's work serves as testament to the considerable time and effort they've put into raising me. Conor Flynn

Dear Mom and Dad, Words cannot begin to describe my appreciation and gratitude for all you have done for me. Your love and support has helped me not only through college, but also through life. And for that, I thank you. Love, Kayla

Dear Mom and Dad, Thanks for always believing in me and encouraging me to do my best. The time has come to finally celebrate! Thanks for everything. Love, Nikki Lee

To Marti, Dav, and the rest of the Fam:

These past four years would have been impossible without your support. I can hardly believe it's time to move on, but the time for another adventure is finally here. I've definitely had my ups and downs, but I've come a far way. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
All my Love, Susanna Virgilio

Dear Mom and Dad, thank you for your endless support and encouragement. From the phone calls to the road trips up to see me dance, I'm lucky to have such a caring family. And to Hankie and Aunt Deb... from the incredible dinners, life chats and best laundry service, you mean so much to me as my Rochester parents. I know you text me this each and every night Mom, but I mean it to all of you more than ever before, "Love u." ~Em

You have been with me through it all, from the tour, to the acceptance letter, freshman move-in-day, to now, graduation. Your sacrifices and support have helped me complete this accomplishment and I am grateful for all you have done. I know you are incredibly proud of your little girl so let us celebrate together on this day. I love you. Jeanette Epstein

Dear Mom and Dad, To the parents who never doubted, constantly supported, and always loved. Both of you have been with me through every up, as well as every down. You mean the world to me, and I could not have become the person I am today without you both in my life. I love you.
-Janna Orons

Dear Mom and Dad: thank you. For putting up with me, for suffering through the days when I didn't call or text, and for supporting me even when you didn't understand what I was doing, let alone why. It truly means a lot to know that you are proud of who I've become and what I've accomplished. I love you. Brandon Podyma

Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you for always supporting me and telling me that I can achieve anything I put my mind to. Without you, I would have never made it this far! I am a lucky daughter. With love forever and always, Meghann

To Amu and Abu, Thank you for sacrificing all that you have to guarantee my future. While I honestly do not think I will ever comprehend the true depth of your sacrifice, I can promise that I will continuously try. I will always strive to make you proud because you truly deserve the best! With an endless amount of love, Palida Noor

Dear Mom and Dad,
The letter that I wanted to write to you was not appropriate for the parents' newsletter as it contained inappropriate content and language. Love, your daughter, Julie Koven

Dear Mommy & Daddy, Thank you for your continued support and belief in me. I could not have made it this far without you (and your money lol). This was truly a family effort! I honestly believe I have the best parents in the world and I am forever grateful. I love you with all of my heart! Ray (Dayanna Davis)

Dear Mom, I can't tell you how appreciative I am of how wonderful, amazing, and supportive you have been not only through my college years, but also throughout my entire life. I would not be the person I am today without you, and I look up to you more than you know. I love you.
Love, Taylor Robertson.

Sometimes I look at where I am and all that I have accomplished and I wonder how exactly I managed it. Then I remember how much you encouraged and inspired me. "You can be anything you want to be." Your words still sing in my ears today many years later. Thank you.
Love, C.M.A.

"It can be argued that a human is ultimately the sum of his experiences." I have learned and experienced so much these past five years that have defined who I am and will become. It was all possible thanks to your support. - Chris Dwight

Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you for pushing me through college! While we both know that these past four years haven't been the easiest, your support, financial assistance, and willingness to drive seven hours to Rochester have drastically helped me through it all. Words can't begin to

explain how much I appreciate everything you have done. Despite all the headaches, worries, and many phone calls I might have put you through, thank you for EVERYTHING and I mean everything. Sincerely, Your daughter who is still not ready to go out into the working world

Dear Mom and Dad, Thanks for joining my graduation ceremony after a long flight. I really wanted to thank you for all of your support, care and education during these 23 years when I grow up. Sometimes I may not be good at expressing my love, gratitude or appreciation. However, you've always been my wonderful parents and I love you both wherever and whenever. Your daughter: Claire Wang

Dear Mom and Dad, I really really want to thank you for supporting my decision to attend college in the United States. Without it, I would not have had such an amazing and precious college experience. Thank you for the support and unconditional love you've been giving me throughout my life. I love you! Zimu Cao

Dear Mom & Dad, Your love, unwavering support and valuable advice have made me into the man I am today. I am extremely fortunate for having been blessed with such incredible parents. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am so happy to celebrate and spend time with you. Love, Scott

Dear Mom & Dad, The fact that you sat so patiently on the other end of my stressed-out phone calls these past four years automatically makes you saints. More importantly, you've given me the freedom I needed to come into my own, and thankfully I've become a lot more like you two. You're amazing. I love and appreciate you more than words can say. Laryssa

All through my life, I have looked up to you and worked to model my life after yours. You have taught me how diligence and perseverance can prove to accomplish any task. Most importantly, you have taught me how to take nothing for granted and cherish everything in this delicate life. I cannot thank you enough for everything. Chad A. Hunter

Thank you! I couldn't have done it without your love, encouragement, and support. Here's to a great four years! Leah Gregorio

Dear Mom, Bopper, and Ryan, Thank you for supporting me throughout all of my endeavors, including the "I'm going to be a 'ballerina-truck driver' when I grow up" phase. I wouldn't be where I am without your love, encouragement, and wisdom. You guys are the best! Love, Sis

Dear Mom and Baba, I know I told you I didn't want to catch that horrible disease "meloria," but I am so so glad I did. Thank you for all of your decades of hard work that made it possible. I love you guys so much and remember, I'm pullin' for ya. We're all in this together. Agapi always, Eleni

I could not have done it without y'all. Mom and Dad, thank you for your encouragement and support from the beginning of it all and continuing to encourage me to pursue my dreams. Christian, thanks for telling me to relax and reassuring me it'd all work out; it did indeed! Love you all! -Tyia

Dear Mom and Dad (and my siblings, grandparents, cousins, aunts, and uncles), Thank you for always being there to support me and to encourage me to succeed. You helped me reach my full potential and become who I am today. I couldn't have done it without you! Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Love, Carrie

Dear Mom, Dad, and Family, thank you for all of your support throughout college. I love you and am grateful for everything you have done for me! Love, Gabrielle

Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you so much for all of your love and support. I am sorry I have been so far away from home (I miss you every day!) but your continuous confidence in me is what made me able to start my own journey. I love you both so much. Love, Sophie Emma

Mom and Dad, I could not have made it to this day without you, and Conor. Thank you for supporting and believing in me, especially when I couldn't myself. I love you! Emma

Dear Mom and Dad, Thank you for being the most supportive parents that I could ever wish for. All of your encouragement, love and dedication does not go unnoticed. I sincerely appreciate everything you have done for me. I am the luckiest girl in the world! I love you with all my heart. xoxo- Kristen

Dear Mom and Dad, Thank you for your love and support these last twenty two years! I am grateful to have parents like you who love unconditionally, always influence me to strive for the best, and who let me find my own way. I would not be where I am today without you. I love you! Susi Gutierrez

Dear Mom and Dad, Thank you for all the love, support, encouragement, care packages and lending me the car for internship. Thank you for giving me the freedom to follow my passions- even if some of them took me to the other side of the world. Thank you for being you because I wouldn't have made it here without you. Thanks, Caitlyn Behmlander

Ni Hao Mom & Dad, I appreciate you for showing me how to be a kind, grateful, and curious individual. I feel very fortunate to stand where I am today with the opportunities that you have afforded me. I promise I will always strive for the best. I love you with all my heart! Wo ai ni! Love, Zeyu (Dudu) Zhao

Dear Mom and Dad, Thanks for teaching me that it's quality not quantity. Love, A
Dear Mom and Dad: Thanks for the love, support, food, and shoes you have provided during the past 22 years. I would be nowhere without my financial contributor and personal admin! B'ahava, Em (Emily Nash)

Dear Mom and Dad, You have been my greatest support system in my years here at U of R. Whether it was staying with me in the Emergency Room when I broke my wrist over Meliora Weekend, or celebrating my semesters on the Dean's List, I can always count on you to be there for me. Paige Levy

Dear M&D, Congrats on being DONE! Couldn't have done it without the support, love, and guidance of the two of you. Love, Livie

Dear Mom and Dad, I just wanted to thank you for all of your support, strength and most of all love throughout my life and college career. You have and will continue to be my support system and safety net. I love you both! With Love, Danielle Shreck

Dear Mom, Dad, and Austin: Thank you so much for all of your support and encouragement these past four years! Nan Zhu

Thank you for absolutely everything. Thank you for making me empathetic, but rational; disciplined, but spontaneous; adventurous, but grounded. I wouldn't be the person I am without all of the love you've given me. Your bravery to support my dreams means more than you'll know. You've given me with world and now, I want to give back to the world. Jessi Lee

Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you for all that you have done for me over the past four years. I could not have successfully made it through my undergraduate career without you both. Thanks for putting up with me and giving me constant love and support! Love, Anne Modica

Dear Mamma & Daddy, Thank you for all of the winter gear that you bought for me over the past four years. It kept me warm when your unconditional love and support could not. -MKM

Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you for everything you have given me over the past 5 years. I appreciate your support of my Take 5 year and all of your help throughout the medical school application process. I love you both very much and could never truly express all of my gratitude for the opportunities you have provided for me. Love, Justin

Mom, I love you so much! Thank you for always being there for me. I wouldn't be here without your encouragement, advice, and wisdom. You've helped me become the person I am today. Thanks for always being proud of me no matter what. I know you've always been and always will be my number 1 fan! I love you! Sarah Hutchinson

Dear Mom & Dad, thank you for being the most amazing parents I could have ever asked for! Your love, support, and sacrifices gave me the strength and determination to make my dreams come true. I was blessed to be your daughter and I only hope to always make you proud! Ju dua me gjithe zemer! - Lorena Dore

Thank you so much for all of your support the past four years while I've been here in Rochester. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Love, Andrew Matsushima

Dear Mom, You have spent your whole life taking care of me to the best of your ability. You faced challenges raising me alone and in poverty that most other mothers didn't have to face. We had no car, we had no choice but to live in a bad neighborhood, but you did your best to get us through that. You always praised my accomplishments and you are the most artistic and creative person that I know. I want you to know that I would not be who I am if it weren't for you, nor could I have pushed my way through so many obstacles in life if I hadn't learned from your example. I love you. - Raechel Coffey