



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

Dear Mom and Dad.....

Messages from the University of Rochester

Class of 2013 to their Parents

Mom and Dad:

You guys wanted to see your son reach for the stars and succeed. Well, he couldn't do that without being lifted up by you. I don't know where I would be without your support. Thank you for everything.

Gregory Fox

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Dear Mom and Dad,

Thanks for the support & guidance! You made it all possible!

Alex & Robert: Thanks for moving my stuff in and out of so many dorm rooms!

Grandpa A., Grandma A. & Grandma S. Thanks for being here for my graduation and for the encouragement!

Love,

Kristen Scherb

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Mom & Dad:

Thank you for your excitement in every accomplishment, encouragement through the hard times, and support every step of the way. Even when I was a continent away, I knew I could count on you both! Whatever this next stage of my life holds for me, I can't wait to share it with both of you. I love you!

Emily Dunn

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Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for your support, laughter, smiles, hugs, farts, money, advice, jokes, warmth, transportation, life lessons, YouTube videos, cooking, guidance, encouragement, Facebook posts, emails, and for spawning my two best friends, Bridget and Chris. Above all, thank you for your LOVE!

Love,
Leah Conant

Dear Mom and Dad,
I know I still have an extra year ahead, but I just wanted to say thanks for all that you've done for me over the years. You've always believed in me and supported my endeavors, no matter how ridiculous they've been.

Thank you for the motivation, the listening ears, the patience, the love, and of course the money.
Love,
Ben Mitchell

Dear Mom and Dad,
Without your hard work, going to the University of Rochester would not have been possible. I've experienced and learned many great things here, and it's all because of you. Thank you for your support during all four years, I promise I'm going to pay you back somehow!

Love,
Sean Al-Gattas

Thanks Mom and Dad!
Without the proper motivation (from you, and from the rest of Cinnaminson), I would have stayed much closer to home and never found a place as great as the U of R!

Love you guys, and all that jazz,
Cody

Dear Mom and Dad,
I'm so happy to be graduating and continuing to reach my goals. I couldn't have done any of it without you, and I am so grateful. You two are the greatest, most loving and supportive parents I could have asked for, and I love you so much! Thanks for everything.

Love,
Morgan Preziosi

Dear Mom,
Thanks for everything you've done for me – you've always been my friend, my cheerleader, and my mom all rolled into one amazing person. I can't express how much you mean to me, and how I never could have done any of this without your unwavering love and support. Thank you so much for all you do. Love you!

Thanks!
Erika Howard

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for being the best parents anyone could ever ask for.

Love,
TJ

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for allowing me this fantastic opportunity to graduate from here and for supporting me through everything. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your words of encouragement.
Samantha Hayes

Hello parental figures!
This has definitely been an interesting, wonderful, and blessed journey. I know I would not have survived it without your prayers and constant encouragement to take chances. I wish I had been closer so you could have kept up the tradition of coming to all of my stuff, but I know your hearts are with me. Thank you.
Love,
Cathy Christian

Hi Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, and James,
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM Desserts...
Thanks so much for all the love and support you have given me throughout my college career. It has helped make these past 4 years (and the 18 before them) extremely enjoyable having you to share them with.
So glad you're here today to celebrate with me!
Lots of love,
Russell Tobias

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for providing for me, for making sure I have every opportunity to succeed, and for always supporting me along the way. I love you both very much.
Nina Kuzman

Dear Mom & Dad,
You have always been supportive and I don't know how you manage it all! It seems not too long ago that you moved me into my freshman hall. Well, now I'm graduating. It has been a great adventure and I'm sure there will be more to come, thanks for being there with me through it all.
Love,
Adam Bossert

Dear Lam Family,
Thank you for your support throughout my undergraduate studies. Your wishes for my health, well-being, and success, and pride in me have motivated me to study well and learn as much as possible. In addition to my aspirations, you have motivated me to keep learning at every stage in my life.
Sincerely,
Yick Chong Lam

Dear Mom & Dad,
Thank you for being the crazy and supportive people you are! Thank you for never holding me back in what I wanted to do and for always making sure I had fun with what I chose. You are the best!
Love,
Kate

**Mom & Dad,
Thank you for being the best parents there are!
Joseph Finkle**

**Dear Dad,
You taught me everything I know about people, and it has been one of the most invaluable lessons I've ever learned. I will never be able to convey how much I appreciate all of the opportunities you have given me, but know that I love you more than anything (including books).
Your oldest,
Campbell Ryan**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Where would I be without you? Thank you for giving me this incredible experience at Rochester. Thank you for supporting me in going abroad to Asia next year and thank you for being the best, most supportive, most loving, most dedicated, and most inspirational parents I could ask for. You mean the world to me and I love you so much.
hugs and kisses,
Anaise Williams**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for encouraging me to choose my own path, whatever it might be. Perhaps if you knew how much I would complain about the path I chose, you would have advised me differently . Hopefully you are as prepared for my entrance into graduate school as I am after completing a rigorous degree program here.
Love your only daughter,
Stephanie**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Seems like yesterday you left me on the steps of Wilson Commons, tears and all, and look where we are now! Words can't express my gratitude, but please know how much I love you, and my intent to fully pay you back with a beach house in a couple years! Thanks for everything.
Love,
Leigh**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Your unwavering belief in me always boosted my morale and comforted my doubts. I'm glad to call you mine and I know you're proud to call me yours. Cheers to helping me through all the bumps in the road to come and thank you for all of those that you already have.
Love always,
Katie Henderson**

Dear Mom and Dad,
I am sure there will be many messages to parents saying things like, "love you, you're the best," or "thanks for care packages." Although these statements are true, I need to say: I would be nothing without you. Thank you for pushing me, encouraging me, and questioning me. You mean more to me than anyone or anything. Thank you.

Love,
Spencer

Dear Mom & Dad,
I want to thank you for all of the opportunities you have given me in life, and I certainly would not be here today without you. To know that I am the son of my mother and father makes me feel incredibly fortunate.

Love Always,
Daniel Stavns

Dear Mom & Dad,
I just want to thank you for all of your years of patience and diligence in raising me. You have taught me to work hard, be kind, and never give up. Also, I think all those years of homeschooling must have worked!

Love,
Spencer T. K.

Dear Mom & Dad,
Everything I have accomplished is because of your loving support. Thank you for being there for me every step of the way! I can't wait for our awesome European adventures to come.

Love always,
Liz Gillespie

Dear Mom & Dad,
Although I've said it before I can't reiterate it enough -- Thank you for everything. The way you both have always supported me for 21 years has shown me I have the best set of parents that exist. Whether it be telling my weekend stories to you, Mom, or discussing the world with you, Dad, despite the miles you both are always close. I love you, thank you both, again.

Dear Dad,
Those nights I had to pull an all-nighter or make multiple trips for coffee, I had always remembered how fortunate I am to have you as a parent. I appreciate all the sacrifices you have made to provide for my education. Because of your unwavering support I can boldly face the expectations of adulthood with the strength and courage you have cultivated in me.

Love,
Akilah Collins- Anderson

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for all the time spent helping me to learn and understand, for all your patience, for all the life lessons, and for all the comic relief along the way. I will take you with me wherever I go in life.

I love you.
Leslie Gordon

Dear Mom & Dad,
Thank you for all your support and for trusting me to explore my interest. I would not have had the education and experiences without your hard work and care. I am so grateful to have you as my parents. Thank you and I love you.
Nobiru Suzuki

Dear Mom and Dad,
I can't thank you enough for all of the wonderful opportunities you have given me. Your undying encouragement and love have brought me a life that is fulfilling and full of joy. Thank you!!!
Love,
Kuhu

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for all the love and support you have offered me over the years. The fact that you have both always believed in me has enabled me to pursue my passions and interests with confidence. These four years have gone by quickly but they were memorable ones and I owe so much to you both.
Love,
Sydney Leonard

Dear Mom and Dad,
You two are the greatest. I couldn't have asked for better support or encouragement during my four years in college. You have been there for me every step of the way and I know I wouldn't be anywhere near as successful without you two.
Love you to the stars and back,
Sara Spielman

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you so much for your support over the last 4 years! I am so grateful that you have always been there for me and encouraged me to work harder. I love you!
Alyssa Schwartz

Dear Mom and Dad,
You have always encouraged me to follow my dreams no matter what they might be. Your support and guidance has meant the world to me these last 4 years. Thank you for being the best parents a girl could ever ask for!
Thanks!
Sara Rothenberg

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for your unconditional support over the last four years. Your love and encouragement have always been there when I needed it, even without asking, and for that I am truly grateful. I hope I have made you proud.
Miriam Frost

Dear Mom and Dad,
I'd like to thank you for your love and support during my 4 years here. Everything I have done and learned is only possible because of you. And Jay-bird, thank you for calming me down whenever I freaked out about my grades. You still owe me multiple moves though!
Thank You
Stephanie aka "Scooter"

Dear Mom and Dad,
I cannot even fathom what my life would be like without your wisdom, guidance and support. You always make everything in my life better. Thank you for bringing such tejasvi into my life with utmost bhav and prem. You both are my world, and I love you so much. Also, you're hilarious and crack me up all the time.
Love,
Roshal

To my Mom,
The strongest and most inspiring woman I've ever known,
Thank you for bringing me into this world to be a part of your journey. Without your support, my successes would all mean nothing and my life would have so much less meaning. I am so blessed to be your daughter!
I love you so much.
Your Deet

Dear Mom & Dad,
These last four years would not have been possible without the love and support of my amazing family – especially this last year. I love you so much. You rock, to speak in the vernacular of the peasantry. It ALWAYS comes back to the Wizard of Oz!
Love you forever and like you for always,
Carly

Dear Mom and Dad-
Thank you for everything you've done for me. I don't know what I would have done without all your support and I wouldn't be where I am today without you.
Love,
Caitlin Lischer

Dear Ma and Baba,
Thank you for always supporting me (even when you didn't agree with my decisions). This know-it-all could not be graduating without your support.
Love and Pronam,
Bhasha

Dear Mom and Dad,
I just want to thank you both for the unending unconditional love and support you have given me over the years. You have always gone above and beyond to help me achieve my goals or have everything I could possibly need. I could not have made it through these undergraduate years without your encouragement and advice. You also taught me the values needed to succeed in and out of the classroom. Thanks to you, I am prepared to move on to graduate school and beyond. Thank you and I love you both very much.
-Ellen

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for all your support, love, and trust during the last four years!
Sarah Kain**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you Mom & Dad for giving me all the opportunities to that led me to find my passion and true self, which made me become the man I am today. You both have been the best parents anyone could have asked for, and I am very grateful to have the family that we do.
Love,
~Devin**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you so much for everything! Whether it was supporting me in a change of major or saving the day when it comes to MIFgiving you guys are the best!
Love you!
Mary**

**Dear Mom and Dad,
Dad, next year, I will finally read all the global health articles you have printed out for me over the years! And Mom, our talks about life's adventures over chai and chivra will need to continue next year, even if through Skype. You once told me "Only you have the answers- all we can do is support your intuitions and dreams." I am forever grateful for your trust in me to make decisions and in your unwavering love and support.
Love you to the moon and back,
Roro**

**Dear Mom, Dad, Lauren, Lisa, and Grandma,
Thank you and thank you again for always putting up with my craziness; for never questioning my English degree and only questioning my Anthropology degree a little; for letting me follow the "Master Plan"; and for the countless phone calls, family visits, and home-cooked meals that helped me stay so comfortable and happy over the last four years.
Jason Silverstein**

**Mommy:
You are a shining star that will never lose its sparkle. I appreciate, love, and respect you to the utmost. I hope that I will become at least half as courageous and diligent as you are. Thank you for teaching me the values of a virtuous woman. You are and forever will be the heroine of my life.
Sincerely,
Zoey Francis**

**Dear Mom,
Thank you for the innumerable ways you love me. You are a shelter of arms to run to when life is raining down on me, my support system to help me get back on my feet, and a smile and bible verse to encourage me. You were and will always be in greatest role model.
Love always,
Chandra Ade-Browne**

Dear Mom,
You are my everything! Every day I thank God for blessing me with a mother like you. You are the epitome of a strong-willed woman who embodies positivity, determination and wisdom. I love you with all of my heart and soul. Thank you for being you, the best mother any daughter can ask for!
Love Always,
LaToya

Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you both for your love and support! Thank you Mom for the late night conversations about my goals in life and Dad for the quick 30 second conversations we had which would brightened up my day. You both inspired me and kept me motivated and I love you for that! I finally did it!
Sabria Phoenix

Dear Mom and Dad,
Words can't describe how much I appreciate all that you have done for me, simply put you two are my "rock". I owe all my success and achievements to the both of you. I promise to one day reciprocate for all that you've done, and I vow to always take care of my family the way you have taken care of me.
With love always,
Christopher Lebano

Congratulations
to the
Class of 2013
and all of your loved ones!!!