# Dear Mom & Dad'

# University of Rochester Class of 2016





Dear Mommy, Daddy, Lauren, Grandma, Grandpa, Steve, & Linda,

Thank you all for your constant support and love – it has really helped me throughout my four years here. I feel lucky to have such a supportive family who I know will always be there for me and I'm so glad you are all here to help me celebrate!

Love, Rebecca



Look what you did! Congrats!!

Love, Maya





Our lives have changed so much since Dad drove me up to Rochester for the very first time. It seems like that day was only yesterday. I feel so grateful and blessed that both of you will be able to watch me graduate. Thank you is not nearly enough. I love you!

Your daughter,

**Brittany Joy** 



Thank you so much for always being there for me and allowing me to pursue my dreams with no boundaries. You both have fostered confidence and passion in me to work hard and have fun at the same time and I appreciate that more than you will ever know. I love you!

Love, Mikako





Thank you so much for supporting me through 4 crazy years, and for always being there to believe in me, even when I didn't believe in myself... You've kept me sane, motivated, and are always there to brighten my day! I couldn't have made it through without you, and I love you both immeasurably!

Michael Tamburrino



Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you so much for providing me with the opportunity to attend a school like the University of Rochester! I love you :)

Best, Shahyan Rehman





# Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you for answering my phone calls at all hours of the day, for never failing to make it to campus for Meliora Weekend, and most of all for introducing me to this wonderful school. I could never have made it without you teaching me to strive to be ever better!

Love you always...Meliora!

Olivia



# Mom, Dad, and Di Di,

Thank you for everything that you've done for me. Without my amazing family, I wouldn't have been able to achieve everything that I've done so far in my life. I am incredibly thankful to be from such a loving and supportive family.

Grant Dever





Thank you for supporting me all of these years. You are my biggest cheerleaders and your never-ending faith in me has been the key asset in achieving my goals and guiding my accomplishments. My medical school dream has come true and I could not have done it without your love and dedication.

With love, Emily Fitzgerald



Thank you for the countless sacrifices you have made to get me where I am today. Thank you for believing in me and encouraging me to work hard. I appreciate all that you have done for me.

With Love to Boston and Back,

Susan





Thank you for meeting my successes with praise, my failures with understanding, and always giving me more love than I could ask for. Thanks for the evenings spent reading aloud, sports trips, science projects, weekends spent hunting, Sunday facetimes, late night event planning, and a strong faith. Thank you for always filling my head with outrageous dreams and giving me the confidence and tools to achieve them!

Love,

Kelsey Nicole



In the past four years you always knew the best time to call, to send care packages, to calm me down, and to cheer me on. Even across the country you managed to show me how much I was loved and how much you believed me in. Thank you for all the opportunities I have because of you.

Thanks! Ramya Kaushik





### Mom, Dad, and my Family:

Four years I've been away. On my journey, I've fought many battles, from calculus classes to my mental health. Even when I chose a less traditional path, your love hasn't faltered. Your support grounds me. Thank you for your confidence in my potential. Because of you, I've come to see it for myself.

Christianne Durham



Thank you to my loving parents who encourage me to follow my passions, didn't freak out when I changed my major and my career goals, support me and cheer me on, send me care packages and cards, listen when I need someone to talk to, and always keep me smiling and laughing each and every day. Thanks for going on this crazy journey called college with me. I'm so lucky to call you Mom and Dad :)

Love, Jessica





# Dear Momma & Daddy,

How lucky I am to have such supportive, driven, and loving parents in my life. You cheer me on. You encourage me to challenge myself. You inspire me to greatness. I can't even begin to thank you for shaping me into who I am and for supporting me in everything that I do. I love you both to the moon and back, and way way more.

Love, Cammy



Thank you for always being my biggest supporters and for always encouraging me to pursue my dreams. I can't imagine how I would've done any of this if I didn't have you guys right alongside me. To my sisters, thank you for always keeping me grounded and for motivating me to keep going.

Love you lots! Amanda Carr



#### Dear Parents,

My education began long before four years ago. It began when you read me stories before bed, fostered my curiosity, and answered my endless questions. You were my first textbooks and editors. You supported me through late nights and exams. You've let me explore this world. This degree belongs to all three of us. Thank you.

Love,

Chrissy







#### Dear Mom & Dad,

There do not exist words to express my gratitude and appreciation for all of the opportunities you've provided me, the breakdowns you've handled, and the lessons you've taught me. If I can be half the human you two are, I'll be one amazing person. I love you more than anything and I really do appreciate it all.

Love, Melissa Holko



Thank you Mom and Dad for your unwavering support and love. Thank you Danielle & Scott for your encouragement and inspiration. Most importantly, thank you all for encouraging me to grow into the intelligent, hardworking, and accomplished woman I am today. I am so excited for what my future holds.

Christina Renodin Cell & Developmental Biology, B.S. University of Rochester '16



Thank you Mom and Dad for sticking with me through all the things I did at UR. I really appreciate all of the support and you guys coming out to visit me! I love you :)

-Kiara Osolinsky





# Queridos Mami y Papi,

Los quiero muchísimo!! Mil besos, gracias por apoyarme en todo. Ustedes son la luz que ilumina mi camino cada dia. Un abrazo enorme.

Pedro Pablo



These past four years would not have been possible without your constant love and support. I am beyond grateful for your encouragement since Day 1. Thank you for always believing in me and giving me the opportunity to achieve my goals. I love you so much!

Sarah Jensen





#### My beloved family,

I am forever grateful for your prevailing support of me and my endeavors, no matter how silly they might be. Your invaluable advice and patience have proved to be the strength I used to make it this far. Thank you for helping me secure a promised future. I am so blessed to have you all.

Indebted to you,

Meesh



Thank you for always supporting me even when I don't think it possible to overcome the obstacles in front of me. Your support means the world.

# Love, Zenobia





Thank you so much everything you do and for always supporting me. It means the world to me. You guys are my best friends and my role models. I couldn't ask for better parents! I cannot wait to live near you again next year!

I love you, Laurel





#### Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you for always being my loudest cheerleaders and for reminding me of my strengths when I was discouraged. I am incredibly lucky to have such strong role models and I love you both so much.

Love always, HT

Hannah Bloomberg University of Rochester '16 Psychology Major, Biology Minor



# Dear Mom & Dad,

I can't begin to tell you how thankful I am to have you guys. Your unconditional love and support has gotten me through the most difficult times in college and I wouldn't be here without you.

Love, Alex



#### Thank you, Mom, Dad, and Julia!

Your support over the past 22 years has been invaluable. I have leaned on each of you in different ways in order to thrive in college, and I would not be where I am today with out each of you.

I Love you & I Like you,

Will





Thank you to my loving parents who encourage me to follow my passions, didn't freak out when I changed my major and my career goals, support me and cheer me on, send me care packages and cards, listen when I need someone to talk to, and always keep me smiling and laughing each and every day. Thanks for going on this crazy journey called college with me. I'm so lucky to call you Mom and Dad :)

Love,

Jessica



#### Dear Mom,

Thank you for believing in me and giving me the strength and courage to chase my dreams! This diploma is for both of us, we both worked really hard for it! You are the best advice giver, Mom, and friend I could have asked for! Thank you for all your support! I love you!

Love,

Angel





Thank you for always being my biggest supporters and for always encouraging me to pursue my dreams. I can't imagine how I would've done any of this if I didn't have you guys right alongside me. To my sisters, thank you for always keeping me grounded and for motivating me to keep going.

Love you lots!

Amanda Carr



It is difficult to accurately express just how grateful I am for your love and guidance over the past four years. Thank you for offering words of encouragement when I was feeling overwhelmed, for making me laugh when I was stressed, and for expressing pride in my accomplishments when I succeeded. Family means the world to me and I cannot thank you enough for your support.

Love,

Nicole





# Dear Mom & Dad,

These words are the least I can do to thank you guys for your unwavering support over the years! Graduation is a huge milestone for me, and I know none of this would have been possible without the nurture and stability you guys have given me. Thank you so much for everything!!

Love,

Peter



#### Mom, Dad, Kirby, and Max,

Your support has meant so much to me throughout the years. You all were always there for me, no matter what the circumstances, and I can only hope to repay a fraction of what you've all done for me. I love you all with all my heart and will always be there for you.



-Alan



Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you so much for providing me with the opportunity to attend a school like the University of Rochester!

I love you :)

Shahyan Rehman


## Dear Mom, Dad, and Alykhan,

These past 5 years have flown by! Thank you for your unconditional love, support, guidance, and encouragement every step of the way. It wasn't always easy, but you kept me grounded. No matter where life takes me, I know I can count on you! I'm incredibly blessed to call you family.

Love, Alysha





Thank you for all of your love and support. You have always been there for me when I needed you and I appreciate all you have done for me. Even though I am now graduating college, I will always be your little girl.

Love,

Lisa



There are no words to describe what you have done for me. You have given up everything since I was child to make sure I had a better life than you ever did. You have supported me through it all and have always been there at every game, concert, and show. I love you more than words can say.



Love, Gabryella



Thank you so much for supporting me and for always being my biggest fans. I have spent the last four years studying what I love, and I couldn't be happier. I am thrilled to be graduating from the University of Rochester, and I could not have done it without you!

Love, Alayna



"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." From Des Plaines to Cambodia to Rochester to Spain to Atlanta to Mexico to Abilene, your support has gone with me. Thank you for letting me go everywhere and for always being there to back me up.

XOXO Angela





To start, thank you so much for helping me get through those last four years! I couldn't thank you guys enough for the endless encouragement that helped me through those four years. This semester has especially been difficult for me but I'm so thankful that you guys were there for me every step of the way

Love, Jenny Zhang



## Mom, Dad, and Courtney,

Love,

Morgan

Thank you for your love and support not only in these past four years, but in all the years that have brought us to this moment. You have always encouraged me to follow my dreams, no matter how crazy or difficult, and gave me the confidence to do anything I set my mind to.





I could not have done this without you. You push me to be the best person I can be and that is a value I will never let go of. I am truly honored to have such positive role models in my life. Thank you for that, and for your endless support. I love you.

Samantha Loria



The words "thank you" are not enough for me to express my gratitude for the best education and 4 great years of memories that you have given me. I couldn't have done it without you and I hope I can continue to make you proud. ¡Los quiero mucho y gracias por todo su apoyo!

## Jessica Rojas





# Mom & Dad (Karin and Phil Harriman),

You guys are the best! Thank you for always being there with a box of cereal, a warm meal, a place to crash (and I mean crash) and your open arms! Thank you for loving me and supporting me in pursuit of my inordinate aspirations! I love you so much!

-Blake



Thank you for everything you have done for me these past four years. I would not be where I am without your unwavering support. Thank you for always believing in me. I am so lucky to be your daughter.

Love, Jenna





Sixty words is not enough to fully express how grateful I am for everything you've done for me, not only in these four years, but in the last twenty-two. From the little things, like keeping up with my crazy schedule, to the massive things like tuition bills. Thank you thank you thank you. Love you both so much.

Sarah Rhen



Thank you so much for your wisdom, patience, and unconditional love and support! I couldn't have done this without you and words can't describe how truly thankful I am to have parents like you!

Love, Elisabeth (Lisa) Caris





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These words are the least I can do to thank you guys for your unwavering support over the years! Graduation is a huge milestone for me, and I know none of this would have been possible without the nurture and stability you guys have given me. Thank you so much for everything!!

Love, Peter



I just want to say how thankful I am for having you both in my life. From the first day I stepped into college, you've always been at my side, supporting me every step of the way. Today wouldn't be possible without your love and encouragements. I love you both so much!

Love, Joshua Huang





# Congratulations to the Class of 2016 and all of your loved ones!

