

Dear Family

Messages to Families
from the Class of 2023

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DEAR FAMILY,



Being 500 miles away from home for four years has given me a tremendous appreciation for my parents, the support they've given me, and the values they've instilled in me. Some of the best decisions I made in college came seemingly out of nowhere, and yet they always cheered me on and never doubted me for a second.

- Elizabeth Cordonnier



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DEAR FAMILY,

I am incredibly grateful for the unconditional support I have received during my college years at U of R from my family back at home. Most especially, I am thankful for all my parents have sacrificed leading up to this graduation day! Thank you for everything, I am so excited and honored to be sharing this day with you!

- Madison Gendreau



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DEAR FAMILY,



To Mom and Dad, I just want to say thank you so much for everything! You both have been my guiding lights throughout my darkest days and my loudest cheerleaders for my brightest moments. Even though I'm further from home I continually feel your love and support radiate over 600 miles to me everyday! I love you!

- Kate (Jelly)



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DEAR FAMILY,



**Thank you for supporting me through the last 4 years!
From move-ins to weekly phone calls to visits around
campus, you've helped make UR feel more like home. I
couldn't have achieved any of this without you guys (and a
special shout-out to Plex)! I love you!**

- Eisabella Sherwood



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DEAR FAMILY,

Thank you so much for supporting me through my undergraduate career. I really appreciate everything you have done for me and for always picking up my phone calls. I'm excited to see you at graduation <3

- Kaili



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DEAR FAMILY,



To my aunt Noha and the Semaan family in Ohio, who took me in and supported me as a freshman 5,660 miles from home, To my parents Tony and Rita in Lebanon, whose dreams for me have always been bigger than my own:

Thank you. I owe it all to you.

- Charbel El Haddad



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DEAR FAMILY,

Le agradezco a mis padres por su apoyo incondicional, amor y por siempre empujarme a ser la mejor versión de mi misma. Mi éxito es el suyo, jamás lo hubiese logrado sin ustedes. Como diría abuelo: “pa’ atrás ni pa’ coger impulso”, vivimos por esas palabras así que a conquistar el mundo. ¡Los amo infinitamente!

-Pamela Nicole Álvarez Rosario



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DEAR FAMILY,

Thank you Mom, Dad, Carlos, Coco, & Pepe
for all your love and support, I love you!

- Isabelle Gary



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DEAR FAMILY,

I cannot thank my family enough for being my biggest cheerleaders and supporters throughout the last 4 years. For coming to every Mel Weekend, always being available for a phone call, and being so incredibly loving, I would not be the person I am today without you <3

- Jenny Jordahl



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DEAR FAMILY,



Dear mum, thank you for exemplifying perseverance, strength and hard work in my life. Thank you for the love, wisdom and support you've provided that's pushed me to dream big. My accomplishments wouldn't be without you, and I look forward to this next chapter of greatness, knowing I can seek your guidance.

Thankyou for being my mother. I love you

- Brian Jesse Gatukui Kimani



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DEAR FAMILY,



I've been blessed in this life to have the most supportive family in the world; my accomplishments would not have been possible without you, they not only belong to me, but to all of us. Thank you <3

- Taylor Sayles



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DEAR FAMILY,

Thank you to my entire family for their consistent support these last 4 years. It hasn't been easy, but we made it to the end ♥

- Justin Pimentel



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DEAR FAMILY,

I want to thank you for making me into the person I am today. Thank you for always pushing me to be my best. I want to tell you how much I love you and how much I appreciate you <3.

- Stelios Halioris



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DEAR FAMILY,

I want to thank my parents for supporting me in pursuing my degree. Specifically, I want to thank my dad for inspiring me to explore data science, and I want to thank my mom for listening to my frustrations and motivating me to persevere. And thank you to my sister for keeping me in good spirits with funny TikTok videos.

- Helena Winkler



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DEAR FAMILY,

I wanted to take this moment and say thank you for everything. I would not be here without your unconditional love and support and I cannot express enough how grateful I am.

- Love, Fatima Salman



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DEAR FAMILY,



Mom, Dad, and Sammy: Thanks for always being my support, and for helping me become the person I am. You're the reason I've made it this far. Enjoy this picture from 2018!

- Love, Nate Brunacini



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DEAR FAMILY,

You guys! We made it! I am so grateful to my amazing family for being there for me during college. You guys deserve a 4.0! Thank you for visiting or for being just a phone call away, whether talking about our days or giving me much-needed encouragement. I love you all to the moon and back, and back again.

- Best for now, Autumn Kudlack



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DEAR FAMILY,



To my parents: thank you for your endless support, encouragement, and love – from late night calls to notes and visits. We’ve faced our share of challenges through these years, and I am glad we navigated them together. Papa: thank you for the walking-between-places chats and teaching me to take the long way home. I am grateful beyond words for you three...I am here, as the person I am today, because of your guidance and unwavering belief in me. I am looking forward to tackling the next phase together. I love you to the moon and back!
- Alexys Carol, xoxoxo



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DEAR FAMILY,



Papá, Your perseverance in your faith in Christ and in your work ethic, throughout your most challenging times, inspired me to continue fighting the good of faith and work my butt off. Mamá, Los caminos de la vida no fueron como yo pensaba, sin embargo, tu siempre estuviste allí para animarme y apoyarme. Mil gracias. ¡Amo mucho a los dos!

- Brian Garcia Hernandez



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