

‘Dear Mom and Dad’

University of Rochester  
Class of 2015



Dear Mom, Dad and  
Dylan,

Thank you for  
supporting me for the  
past four years! I could  
not have gotten through  
it without your  
guidance,  
encouragement and wise  
words. I love you.



-Joan



Dear Mom & Dad,

60 words are not enough to express what you mean to me. You nurtured my passion for engineering, challenged me to live up to a higher standard, and were always there for me. I am proud of the person I have become and grateful to be your daughter. Thank you for everything!

With Love,  
Sandi Westover





*Julia Yurkovic '15  
A post-storm rainbow  
over Rush Rhee as  
seen from Brooks  
Crossing*



Dear Mom, Dad, Gregory,  
Grandma, and Grandpa,

Thank you for all of the love  
and support you have given  
me throughout my life and  
especially during my time in  
college. I wouldn't be the  
person I am today and I  
wouldn't have achieved so  
much if it wasn't for your  
constant encouragement and  
confidence in me! I love you!



-Brittney Bunkis



Thank you Mom and Dad for making sure I came to college armed with a bottle opener and all of the life lessons necessary to learn, grow, and be successful. You guys always do know best!  
XOXOXO



-Nikole





Arun Nambiar '17  
*Morning haze*



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thanks for all your love and support along the way. I could not have done it without you. WE did it!

Love,

Max





Dear Mom and Dad,

My success in college and in life would not have been possible without your love, guidance, and support every step of the way. I appreciate every sacrifice you have made in order to provide me with the best life possible, and I am more grateful than words can describe.

Love,  
Stephanie





Aaron Raymond '18  
*Twins!*



Mahalo nui loa na mea  
apau e ko'u mama. Aloha  
wau 'ia 'oe.

-Gala Tubera



Dear Maman and Papa,

My college years at UR have been quite the roller coaster! I'm grateful that you encouraged me when I doubted myself, helped me lift my spirits when I couldn't, and always believed in me. Your love is - and will always be - most valued, and for that, I cannot thank you enough. I love you!



-Brittanie Kilchoer





Gabrielle Ansani '15  
*An early fall morning  
on the Academic Quad*



Dear Mom and Dad (and the rest of the family),

Thank you so much for your endless love and support. Thanks for being there for all of my panicked phone calls, for the move-in and out days, for my semester abroad, and so much more. I am so lucky to have such wonderful family. I love you!

Love,  
Jenny



It's been 4 years since the last time I wore this silly hat and you're still standing beside me. Thank you for your support, love, laughter, and patience. I couldn't have done it without you.

-Antoinette Esce





Yanti Sri Rezeki,  
Warner graduate  
student  
*Rush Rhee tower and  
fall*





Dear Mom and Dad,

Thanks for all the support over the past four years and for never making me have to deal with the hassle of finding parking on campus! I couldn't have done it without you!

-Allie Sommer



Dear Dad and Mom,

I want to say that you are THE MOST awesome parents! I am grateful for your support throughout my education and your encouragement that allowed me to keep chasing my dreams and helped me become who I am today! I LOVE YOU! <3 <3

-Shimeng Feng





*Chi Huang '18  
Rush Rhees, taken  
with a radio control  
Quadcopter*



Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you for all the love, help, and support you have given to me - not just in the last 5 years, but also in the last 15. Thank you for driving me to every lesson, sitting through every concert, and dealing with every meltdown. You have always been there for me and I know I wouldn't be here without you.

- Jessica Wilder Hart Wilbee



Thank you for giving me the best four years of my life so far. Your love and support was not taken for granted during my tough semesters. I will always cherish our pre-concert dinners that would not be possible if you did not make the drive out to Rochester on those Saturdays. I love you Mom and Dad! Cheers!



-Erik Wagner Laurin





Shawna Lusk, Warner  
graduate student  
*Carillon at sunset*



We still owe the  
school money,  
but I did it!

Siempre  
Palante!

-Anansa  
Benbow



Mamá y Papá,

Gracias por haberme formado como lo hicieron, todo lo que soy hoy es gracias a lo que han hecho por mí desde aquel 12 de Abril de 1993. ¡Disfruten! Esta celebración es tan mía, como de ustedes. Los amo. (¡Y a ustedes también, Dany y Barbs!) La aventura continúa...



-María José Salas







Eli Hyman '13  
*The Dome and the  
Genesee*



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you so much for all of your support during my time here at the University of Rochester. It has been an amazing time, and I have learned and experienced so much! Thanks for making so many wonderful opportunities possible for me! I'm so happy to have you here this weekend! Kay love you bye!



-Jenna



Dear Mom and Dad,

I am so grateful to have your support and encouragement throughout every challenge I undertake. Your love and guidance has always been helpful in achieving my ambitions, and I really feel that I have a bright future because of this. Thanks for being such awesome parents!

Love,  
Michael





Wei Lai, graduate student in optics  
*Scattered leaves swing in the snow in front of Rush Rhees*



Dear Mom,

Roses are red,

Violets are blue.

And this college experience,

Has been such a great gift from you.

Thanks for the trust you've put in me,

To take care of myself and live responsibly.

I hope you'll be proud of what I've done,

And all the rest that is to come.

Love,

Brian



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for all of your love and support throughout the 4 wonderful years I've had at school. I did my best and hope that you think I turned out okay! I needed a lot of help and you guys were always there for me. "I'm tryin', Daddy! You're doing a fine job John Boy, just fine."  
LUB

Love,  
Nick Cirucci





Claire Talbot, parent  
*Let's Go Fly a Kite - at  
Rush Rhees*



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Spasibo for all your love, kindness, generosity, and full support these past four years. Words will never capture the entirety of my gratitude and love for you, but please know that you are the sturdiest, most reliable anchor in my life. Your open-minded yet reasonable advice, and your funny yet serious attitude, constantly guided me through college. I love you!



-Michaela Kerem





Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for all your love and support that has helped me through college. You've taught me to push myself further, to never give up, and to always have a sense of humor when things get rough. Without you, I would not be the independent and resilient young woman I am today.

Your Little Lamber,

Renee





Rachel Yarnold '14  
*First snow of the  
Season*



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for believing in me and challenging me to always do my very best. I would not have accomplished so many amazing things without your support. I love you so much.

Love,  
Alida



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout these past 4 years of college. I could not have made it to this point without you and I really appreciate your guidance and patience in letting me explore and develop as a young adult. I am so fortunate to have parents as great as you!

Love,  
Niklas





Jordan Schilling '15  
*Bausch & Lomb Hall  
in springtime*



Dear Mom & Dad,

I'm already crying writing this. You have sacrificed so much for me to cross this stage today. Thank you for teaching me the value of perseverance. I hope I made you both very proud.



Love,  
Amber-Danielle Baldie



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for putting up with my late-night phone calls for four years. Thank you for driving ten hours in one day countless times. Thank you for teaching me that I really can do anything I set my mind to. Sixty words...not enough space... my role models...I love you both tremendously. You know. Happy Birthday, Mom!



-Lauren Wolfe





Crystal Cusimano,  
Dean's Office  
*Spring and the Muses*





Through all of the good times and all of the bad, you have been there for me in more ways than I can even imagine. Whether it be in sports or in school, you have always been right there by my side. All of this wouldn't have been possible without you. I love you.



-Brett Maus



Mom,

Thank you for your endless support. You never let obstacles stop me from following my dreams. I cannot thank you enough for all that you have sacrificed for me. Now it's your turn. Go follow your dreams. Stop to smell the roses and enjoy your beautiful life.

I'll love you forever,  
Amanda





Chi Huang '18  
*What a beautiful  
(cold) view!*



Dear Mom,

All of my accomplishments are the direct result of your endless love and support. You are the strongest and most fearless woman I know, and you continue to inspire me each passing day. No matter how old I grow, or how far from home I am, you will always be my mommy. Thank for you for EVERYTHING.

Love,  
Your Troublemaker  
(Alyssa Na)



I am forever grateful for the love, opportunity, and support you have given me to expand my horizons. I am honored to have you as parents and mentors, and will always strive to be the best I can be. You are incredible. Thank you and I love you!!

-Shannon Hughes





Chu Huang '18  
*Cold night*



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for your constant support through my undergraduate years. I have persevered and become stronger thanks to your encouragement. Because of you both, I am prepared for new challenges in the years to come. These undergraduate years have been the best four years of my life, and I couldn't have asked for better. Thank you for everything.

Love,  
Sheel



Dear Mom,

I don't have the words to properly articulate everything you have done for me over the past 22 years, but I just wanted to say thank you for being the best listener, friend, and mom that I could ever ask for and for always believing in me. I love you!

-Alyssa







Brian Caputo '18  
*Reflecting fall colors...  
before the snow  
comes...*



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Dear Momma and Daddy,

Words cannot express how deeply grateful I am to have such wonderful parents. Thank you for sparking my love of learning early in life, and for always encouraging me to be my best. You both have truly encompassed the spirit of “Meliora,” and I could not have done this without your love and support.

Love,  
Julia



Dear Ma and Baba,

To uproot everything that you had built in India to move to the US must have been the biggest leap of faith any parent could take; yet, you did it. You guys are my biggest inspiration. You have taught me everything I need to know to survive in this world and putting a smile on your faces is my only wish. Thank you for everything.



-Srawasti





Emily Widra '15  
*Sunrise from Brooks  
Crossing*



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for being my biggest supporters through the good and the bad. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to learn and grow as a scholar, athlete, dancer, and young adult. Thank you mostly for loving me through it all. I love you both so much. Here's to the future ;)

-Connie



Hey Family!

Ma, I just wanted to say thank you for your full time investment in my future. Without your deliberate efforts I would not be standing here today. Thanks for being the most amazing mom God could ever bless me with. Dad, thank you for working yourself to the bone to ensure my success. Lauren, your love & support means the world to me. Love you!

-Alexandra Poindexter





Alicia Wei '18  
*First snow!*



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I am truly blessed to have such wonderful parents, whom without, I would not be the woman I am today. Thank you both for believing in me, and for giving me the strength and courage to succeed in all that I do. With your love carrying me through, I promise to always 'be brave.' Love you both, 'always.'

-Megan Keil





Dear Mom & Dad,

I could not be here without your unwavering support! Thank you for all of your love and encouragement throughout the years. During all of the ups and downs, I'm so grateful I could call at any time to share my news. I'm incredibly lucky to have you two as my support system.



Love,

Marcia Des Jardin





Jinyu Han '17  
*Library profile*

Dear Mom, Dad, Martin, Courtney, and Little Buck,

Thank you for your unwavering support not only for these past four years, but for all 21 of my life so far. You guys are the best listeners and can always put a smile on my face.

I love you!

Katherine



Dear Mommy, Daddy, Varun, and Family,

For moving me out and moving me in, for bearing my messes with a grin,  
For keeping me warm and keeping me fed, for forcing me to make my bed,  
For teaching me laundry and how to drive, for pushing me to grow and thrive,  
For being patient, though you wanted to scream, for giving me a place in this  
Class of '15,

*Thank you. I'll never be able to say it enough.*

-Shruti Nayar





Yanti Sri Rezeki,  
Warner graduate  
student  
*Rush Rhees, ladies,  
and spring!*



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for everything. Thank you for being the ultimate support of my life. Thank you for being the pillars of my pursuits. And thank you for being there whenever I need you most. I love you.

-Nick Cothard



Dear Mom, Dad, and  
Alykhan,

I can't believe 4 years has  
already gone by! Thank you  
for always having my back  
and giving me the love,  
support, and encouragement  
to take chances and grow  
into who I am today. I am  
incredibly grateful and  
proud to call you my family.

Love,  
Alysha





Sarah Riendeau '14  
*Rush Rhees in spring*





Thank you for the unending support you have given me over the past four years of college and the dozen years of education before that. I could not have gotten through all of it without you.

-Michael Dimitri Pascutoi



Dear Mom & Dad,

I cannot even put into words how truly grateful I am for everything you've done. Encouraging me to chase my dream so many miles from home was one of the best things you could have ever done for me. It allowed me to explore and discover who I am. Thanks a million!

Love You Always,  
Ashley





Ciaran Spence '16  
*A vanishing sunset  
with a rising crescent  
moon over Rush Rhees*



Congratulations to the  
Class of 2015  
and all of your loved ones!

