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# 'Dear Mom & Dad'

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Thank you so much for your constant support. I couldn't have gotten this far without all of the sacrifices you made and your amazing words of encouragement. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for each of us. I love you all!

Thank you!  
Sarah Bjornland



Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm supposed to keep this under 60 words, and we all know how much I like rambling, I'll just say that my tattoo of your signatures will have to suffice as a thanks for all that you've done for me. Thanks for letting me talk to you on the phone during all hours when I hated everyone else around me.

Samantha Lienert



Despite the 2,674 miles, you have always been a phone call or early-morning text away. Thanks for supporting my choice to study a subject you knew nothing about, for sharing my joy in every success, and for being my personal cheerleaders when the going got rough. I am so lucky to have parents who encouraged me to fly.

Best,  
Claire Kaiser





Claire Talbot, Parent



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Dear Mama and Daddy,

Thank you for being my biggest role models and cheerleaders. Thank you for believing in me, and for always supporting me in my dreams. Thank you for loving me unconditionally, and for showing me what family, success, and pride truly mean. I love you both to the moon and back!

All of my love forever and always,

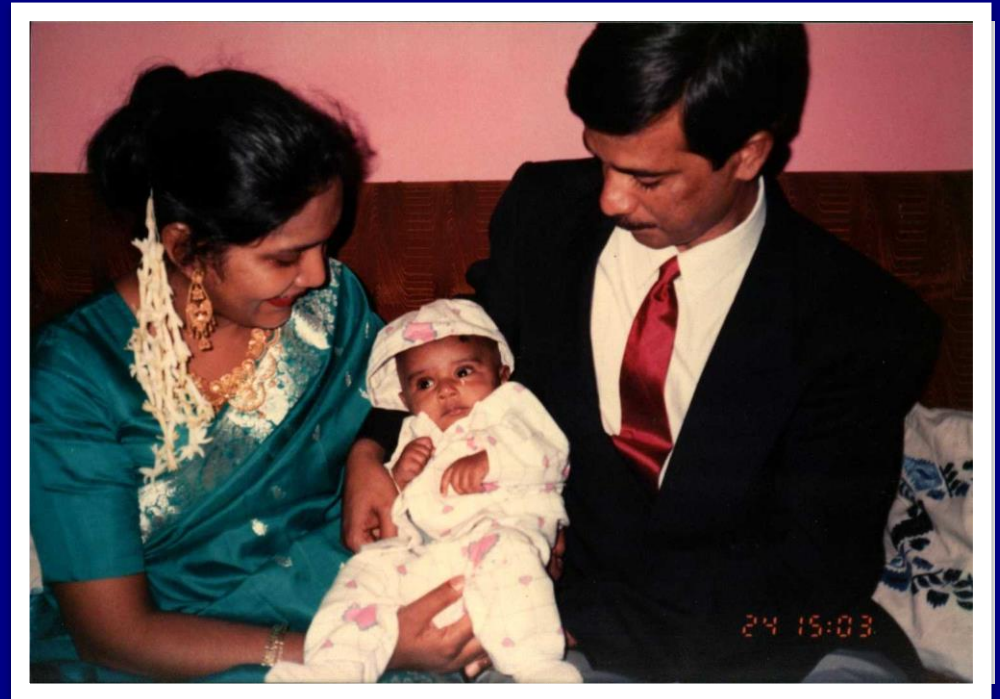
Mimi



Dear Ma and Papa,

I will never be able to understand how could someone leave their entire lives behind for their child. Thank you for being my rock and for everything that you have done and continue to do for me. I am who I am today because of you. Love you guys always.

Arnob



I feel lucky to be your little girl, and I see you  
in every wonderful thing that happens to me.  
Thank you mom and dad. I'll always make  
you proud. Muah!

Love,  
Agnes







Agnes Chen '17



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Dear Mom and Dad,  
Thank you for always supporting, encouraging, and pushing me to do my best. I truly appreciate everything that you have done for me and if it wasn't for you two I wouldn't have the motivation required to succeed at a school like U of R. Thank you for being the great role models I needed growing up.  
I love you both,  
Hannah



Dear Mom,

I don't say this enough, but thank you for all you do. Without you, I would not have had the opportunity to get such a great education and never would have been able to get through some of the bumps along the road without your support. Your strength and fearlessness inspire me everyday and I'm honored to make you proud!

Love,

Cita





Although I like to pretend I would have survived college without you, I know that's just not true. Thank you for your continued support, especially during my most stressful times, and for encouraging me to pursue my dreams! I cannot appreciate the both of you enough. You deserve an award for dealing with me J  
Love you so much!





Jinyu Han '17



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Dear Mom and FFKAD,

Thank you for believing in me and challenging me to do my very best. I love you guys to the moon and back.

Lauren Bolz



Dear Mom and Dad,

You have always told me I could be whatever I want to be (minus those "jobs" on our list!). Well, now I am about there and will be heading out into the real world. I really appreciate your constant love and support in helping make me who I am today.

Love,  
Stephen Powell



Mom and Dad, thank you for everything you've done for me, including making that grueling 14-hour drive twice a year. I couldn't have made it through without your support and annoyance at the same things that annoyed me! Love you!

Thank you,  
Emily Weisenberger

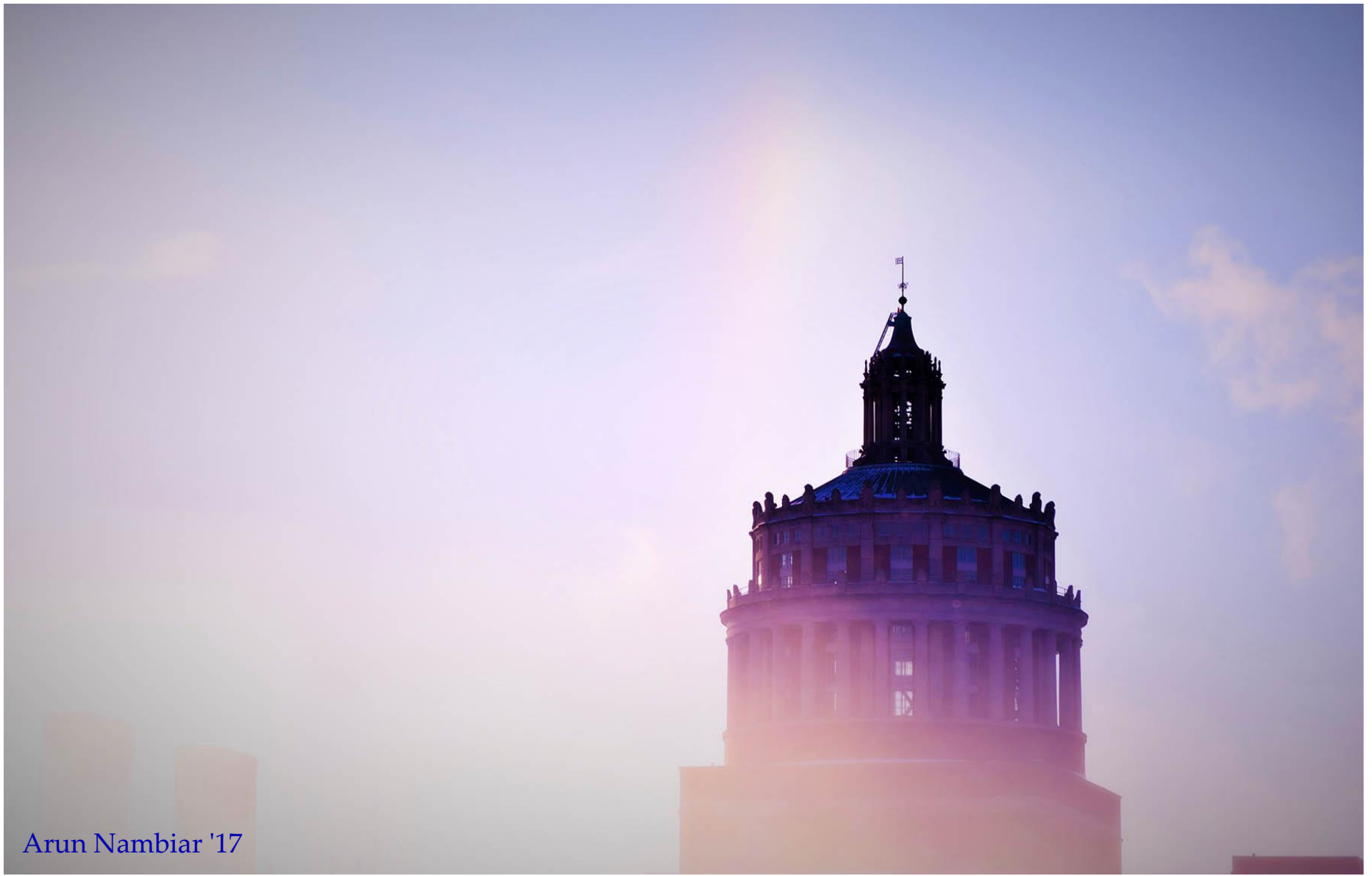




Dear Mom and Dad,  
Thank you for your continued support,  
willingness to answer my anxious phone calls,  
and read my extensive rant emails over these  
past 4 years.

Love,  
Aurora





Arun Nambiar '17



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Thank you Mom, and Dad for always being there for me no matter what. You've been my strongest supporters since day one and never stopped believing in me even when I stopped believing in myself. I love you so much. Love,  
Emily Michel



Mama,

Thank you so much for always being my rock and for showing me the ropes. I would not be who I am today without your continued guidance and support. I love you MORE!

~ Love, Fred





Dear Mom and Dad,  
Thank you for your unconditional love and support.  
You nurtured my love of science, challenged me, and  
are always there for me. I wouldn't be the person I am  
today with you guys. I'm incredibly lucky to have such  
amazing role models. I love you!  
With Love,  
Rachel Levene





Chirlie Pang '17



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Thanks Mom and Dad  
for never giving up on pronouncing "Meliora".  
Sorry Mom, it's still not "Meloria". Or  
"Meloira".  
Yes, I'm quite sure.



Dear Family,

Thank you for your everlasting support, encouraging me through all that I've set my mind to. I have missed you all throughout my time here and I'm glad to have you here to celebrate this achievement. I wouldn't be here without you all.

Love,  
Michael





Dear Mom and Dad,  
Thank you for supporting me whenever I  
need and whatever I want to do. I am not a  
daughter who makes you proud. All I can  
do is to say thanks and give all my best  
wishes to you.

Anonymous





Rahul Saha, graduate student



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Dear Mom and Dad,

I am grateful that you always push me to work harder, even when I really, really don't want to. I can't wait to move back home, but I promise this degree will pay off and I'll eventually get a full-time job. At least we can catch up on all of our TV shows. Most importantly, thank you for all of the money. But seriously, thank you for all of your tireless support – you are truly the greatest parents I could ask for. I love you!

Adrian



Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm forever grateful for everything that you both have provided for me. You both have supported me and my passions throughout my college career. I owe everything to you two and wouldn't be where I am today without your love and support. I'm incredibly fortunate to have such caring parents. I love you both very much. Also, thanks to you, Mom, for taking me to the movies every weekend as a kid (sometimes twice) !

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Joshua Gacita





Yanti Sri Rezeki, graduate student



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for all your love and support these past 4 years! I'm so grateful to have parents as amazing as you guys! I love you!

-Emily Landau



Dear Mum, Dad, Tor, and Mads,  
I know I've already said thank you for all the big things, so thank you for all of the little things: the daily letters, the hours of Facetime calls, the care packages, the hugs, the essay editing, the advice, and most of all, for your unshakeable confidence in me. I love you so much!

Catherine





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Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you for being my stronghold throughout life! I love you both more than I could ever say, and I am so grateful for your guidance. Thank you for teaching me to be kind, for making me face my fears, for catching me when I fall, and cheering me when I fly.

Love,  
Myranda





I cannot be grateful enough for all the opportunities that you've given me. It is your belief in me and my abilities that has driven me everyday throughout college and beyond. It has gotten me out of very bad places, and it has taken me higher than I ever thought possible. I will forever owe my all to you. Thank you. I love you.

Abdulwahab Alhaj



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