

‘Dear Mom & Dad’

**Messages to families from
the Class of 2019**





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Dear Mom and Nana,
Another four years have come and gone, and it is safe to say that I would not have made it through without you two. Thank you for always loving and supporting me. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for you.

Love always,
Ryannon





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Dear Mama & Dad,
Thank you for everything.
From all the late night calls
in boarding school to the
small gifts and support in
college. You helped me
become the person I am
today and I am so lucky to be
your daughter. I love you
both very much and I can't
wait to show you how far I'm
going to go!

Love, Fiona



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for everything! Thank you for always getting me where I needed to be and for pushing me to always do my best! I wouldn't have been able to do this without all of your help and support. I appreciate every little thing you have done for me; from the cute care packages that never failed to put a smile on my face, to coming to my games to cheer me on, to helping to keep me relaxed when times got tough. I can't wait to see where life takes me from here! Thank you!

Love you lots,
Harleigh



Dear Mom and Dad,

I feel so honored and blessed to have you as my parents and want to express my gratitude for your care and support over the years. Thank you for instilling me with a strong passion for learning and for doing everything possible to put me on the path to greatness. I will never forget the important values you have passed down to me. Words cannot describe how important you are to me. I love you forever and always!

Love, Tali

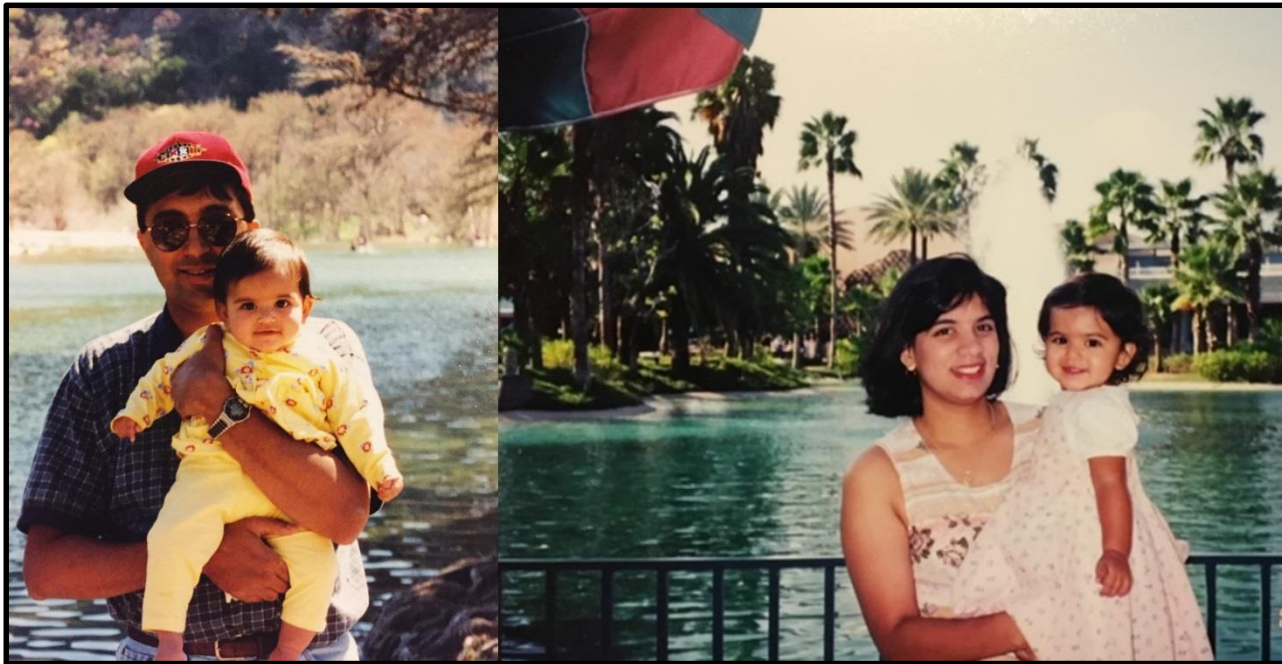


Dear Mama and Papa,

Thank you for always supporting me and for teaching me how to persist through adversity; I am continuously inspired by your strength, love, and intellect. I will always strive to make you proud and hope to one day be as influential as you.

Love you forever,

Niti



Dear Mom & Dad,
I want to thank you. Thank you for believing in me even when I didn't. Thank you for supporting me while I tried to figure out what I want. And thank you for all the unsolicited advice. I do listen sometimes. Whatever I am today it is because of you two and I'm proud of who that is.
Love,
Colleen Dunlea





Dear Mom & Dad,

I am extremely grateful for the opportunities you have given me and for your endless support- from showing up to countless volleyball matches to always answering the phone and taking an interest in my life. Thank you for always believing in me and being my role models. Cheers to medical school!

I love you,

Courtney V.



Dear Ma and Abbu,

I am grateful to God for all of you. Ma: Thank you for sacrificing so much for me and always being there to give me advice. Abbu: Thank you for teaching me everything I know and giving me the confidence to do anything. Fariha: Thank you for always being there to make me smile.

Love,

Tasneem



Dear Mom,

You did it! You are the one who got me this far. It's because of your support that I am the person I am today. You are my best friend, my biggest supporter and my closest confidant. I love you.

Bailey



ママとパパへ、

この4年間アメリカの大学に行かして、
私の夢を叶えてくれて、ありがとうございます。
感謝の気持ちでいっぱいです。

■ Kyoko Imai



Dear Mom & Dad,

My time away from home is coming to an end. I wanted to use this opportunity to express my gratitude for all you've done for me in the past 4 years. Whether it be offering emotional, financial or physical support you have always been ready and willing. Thank You!

Love,
Kevin



April Halliday,

You did it. You raised two sons as a single mother. You worked tirelessly to ensure that we never went without. You constantly pushed me to be the best person I could possibly be, and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for you.

Thank you Mom for everything. I love you.

Austin Halliday





**Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for everything you've done for me. I'm so
proud to be a UR grad, just like you!
Charlotte Pillow**





Dear Mom,
Thank you endlessly. For being my role model, for being an amazing single parent, for pushing me to be better, for picking me up at practice, for coming to the games, for sending me school supplies, for everything. I'm so honored, relieved, and excited to be done with this chapter. We made it.
Aaron L. Smith



Dear Mom, Dad, and Alida,
I absolutely couldn't have done this without you! I wanted to make you proud, and there were many moments where I was afraid that wasn't happening. Through it all, you stood by me and urged me forward, even when that meant taking a step back. I did it! I love you!

Ahleen Pollock



Dear Mom and Dad,
From a child to an adult,
From China to the U.S.
Thanks for supporting me for this long
journey!

Chunyi Sun







Dear Mum and Dad,
We did it! I cannot even begin to thank you for everything you've done to support me. Four years ago, when we set out on this Rochester adventure, we had no idea just how amazing it would be.
Thank you for letting me go.
I love you to the moon and back,
Nicole



Dear Mom and Michael,

You've always said that our family can accomplish anything together; my college graduation is no exception.

I really appreciate all that you've done for me, including but not limited to:

Always listening to me and sharing your advice.

Working full time and beekeeping to fund part of my education.

Supporting me, being proud of me, and loving me without fail.

Love,
Becca



Dear Grandmother and dad,

Thank you so much for helping me get through this process. All the times you helped me pay my school bill or just let me rant about how much I hated this place and the weather. Thank you for believing in me.

Cristal Hernandez





Thank you, mom and dad, for supporting and allowing me to attend a University I fell in love with. Dad, I could not have survived all my technology breakdowns without you. Mom, I felt your support in my soccer career each and every day. Steph, you taught me to find balance and truly enjoy college. Andrew, you kept me laughing and motivated.
Christina Feller



Dear Mom, Dad and Abbie,
Thank you for your love, time,
effort, and emotional/monetary
support over the years. You've
helped me be the person I am
today, and I appreciate it more than
you know. I can't wait for more
adventures and visits to wherever I
end up in the future. I love you all!
Love,
Hannah





Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you for your endless support and belief that I can do anything I set my mind to. I am so proud to be your daughter and honored to be one of the first of our family to graduate college. I could not have done it without your support, advice, and love. It takes a family.

Love, Renee



Dear Mom and Dad,

Can you believe this? Thank you for everything you've done for me. I am so lucky to have you as my parents. I wouldn't have been able to do this without you! I 'm excited for you to visit me in Philly... It'll be an easier trip than the trip to Rochester :)

Love, Grizzy



Thank you for your continual encouragement and open ears these past four years. I would have never achieved this level of success without your unwavering support. The road I traveled may have been bumpy, but you stuck with me the entire way, pushing me to pursue new opportunities and to be the best I could be. I am truly grateful.

Sarah Makuc



Thanks for always supporting my interests and curiosities. I appreciate all the sacrifices that you made so I was never limited in life. You always encouraged me to explore every opportunity that came my way. Thank you for giving me the independence that I needed to learn and grow over these past four years. I hope you're proud. Rawr Rawr.

Hayley Chang





Dear Mom & Dad,
Thank you for letting me live 2500 miles away. Your love and support kept the home sickness away and allowed me to have an amazing four years at college. Every goal I scored, every concept I learned and every friend I made, happened because of you. Thank you for everything.

Love,
Bryce



Dear Mom and Dad (and Julia, Leah, Zack, Sam,
Mike, and Atticus),

I can never express how much I love you all and
what your support has meant to me. Thank you for
being there through success and heartbreak and for
making my move to Austin so very very hard to do. I
got so lucky to have you all.

Michaela Houk





Dear Mom,

From the moment of my birth, despite adversity, you have done everything to provide me with the best opportunities, a reason to smile and laugh, and the confidence that I can accomplish anything if I put my mind to it.

You are my inspiration. Thank you for being my superhero.

I love you more than anything.

Your son,

John



Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for teaching me to live life with fervor, to have passion, to first have the desire to accomplish something in order to accomplish it. Thank you for showing me that everything is questionable, yet discoverable and reachable. Thank you for letting me feel, write, and create. Thank you for showing me the importance of actively changing and being changed.

Thank you,
Roisin Flanagan





Dear Mamá y Papá,

Succeeding in a great place like Rochester would have not been possible without you. Your love and support has always made me feel that I am capable of anything. As my new life approaches, I want you to always remember that regardless of where I am, you will always be close to my heart.

Claudia Sofia Carrillo Vazquez



Dear Mom and Dad,

Your love, words of wisdom, phone calls, and homemade meals have meant a lot to me throughout my college years. I am so grateful to have such amazing and courageous parents. It is because of you that I am an intelligent, hardworking, and successful scholar. Thank you for everything. I love you.

Seyvion Scott



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you so much for your support all the time. I appreciate everything you've brought to me. My graduation, my performances, and my friends - are never so great without you standing behind me. I love you and will always do.

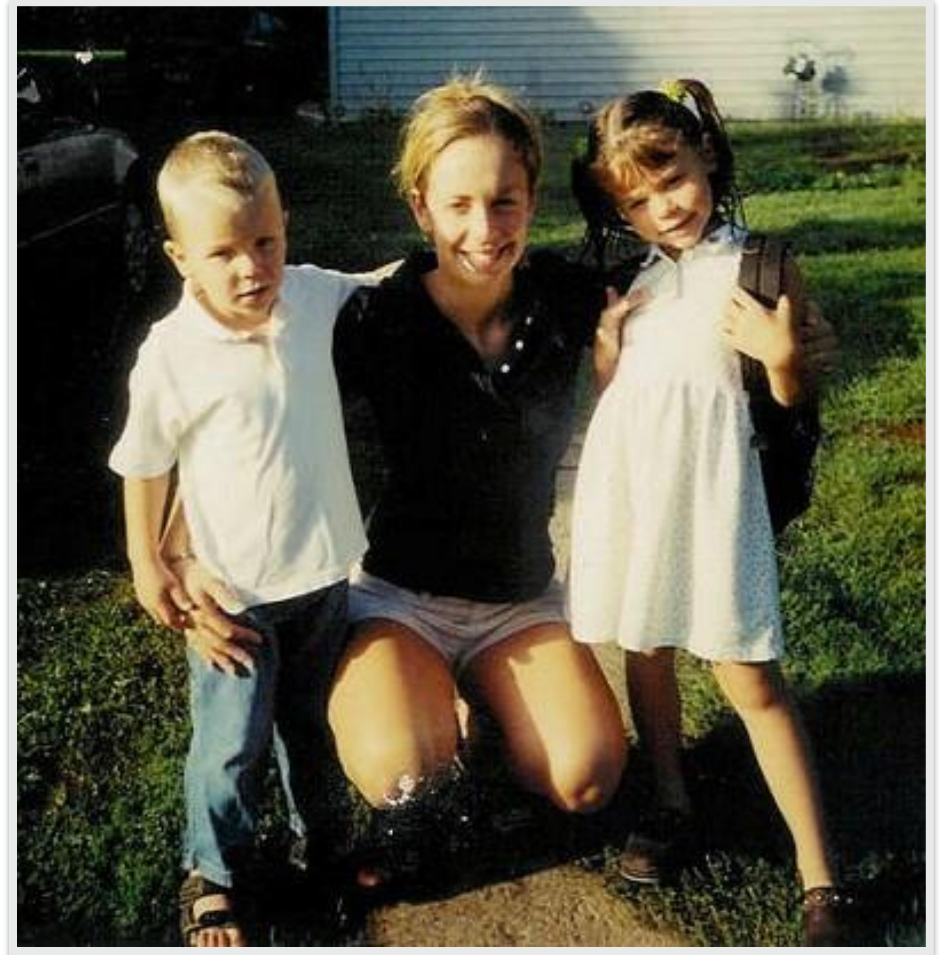
Yours,

Yuxin



How could I ever begin to thank you? My family has been my rock through everything. Dad you taught me what it means to work hard. Mom you taught me how to be selfless, share love and be thankful. These traits are a critical part of who and where I am today. I am forever grateful. I love you!

Kylee Bartlett





Dear Mom, Dad, David, and Eric: Thank you for always knowing how to make me smile, for supporting me in everything I do, and for loving me for a whole 22 years! I'm so thankful for how we hold each other up. I wouldn't be here if not for you all – I love you guys!

Claire Wenner



Mom and Dad,

I realized one of the greatest gifts in my life is the unyielding support from my family. Through my indecisiveness, failures, and success, you've been there for me. All the sacrifices that y'all have made – for our family, for me – I cannot thank you enough. But, this degree is for you, and I hope I've made you all proud.

I love you more than all the stars.

Amber Williams





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Thank you for being my best friends! Words cannot express how thankful I am for our little family and the big love it holds. I love you both so much.

Sophia





Mom and Dad, Thank you for your endless support and love in my 22 years, I wouldn't be the person I am today without you both! Thank you for letting me create dreams and follow them, and for the many phone calls and advice. I am so grateful!

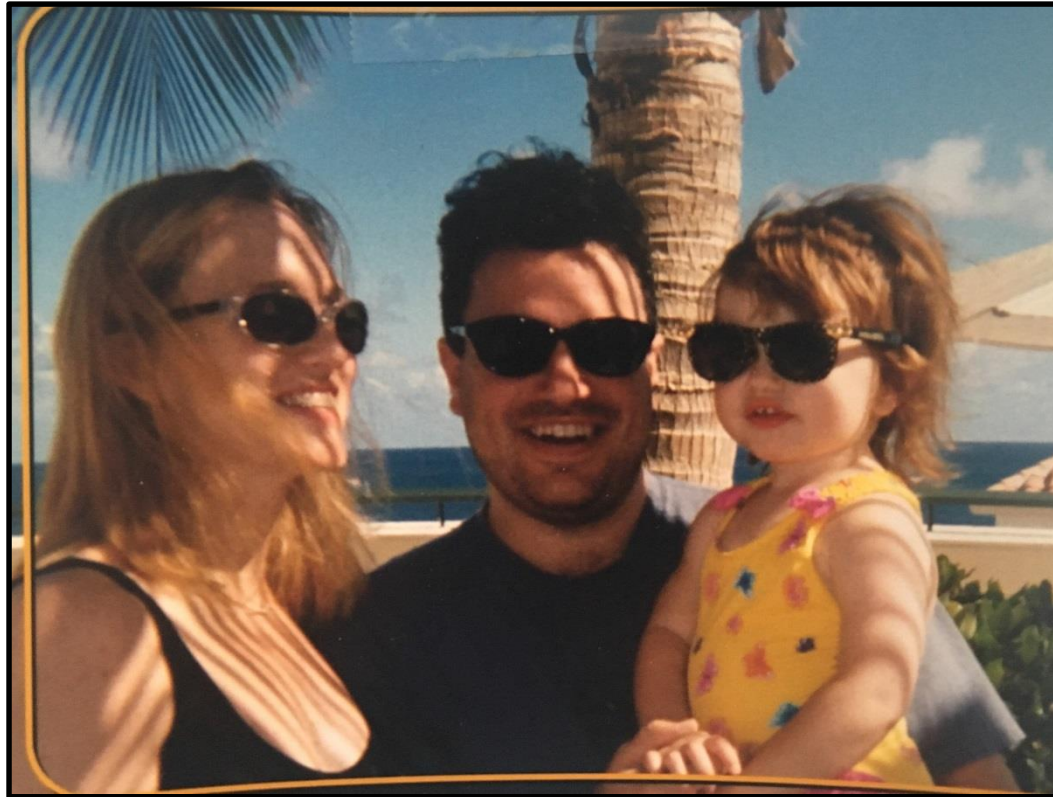
-Aliye Gallagher



Hi Mom! Hi Dad!

Thank you so much for your endless support throughout college, both when things went according to plan and when they don't. Thank you all of the advice, weird care packages, and skype calls. Thankful for everything you do, always. Love you!

Lucy Franzen

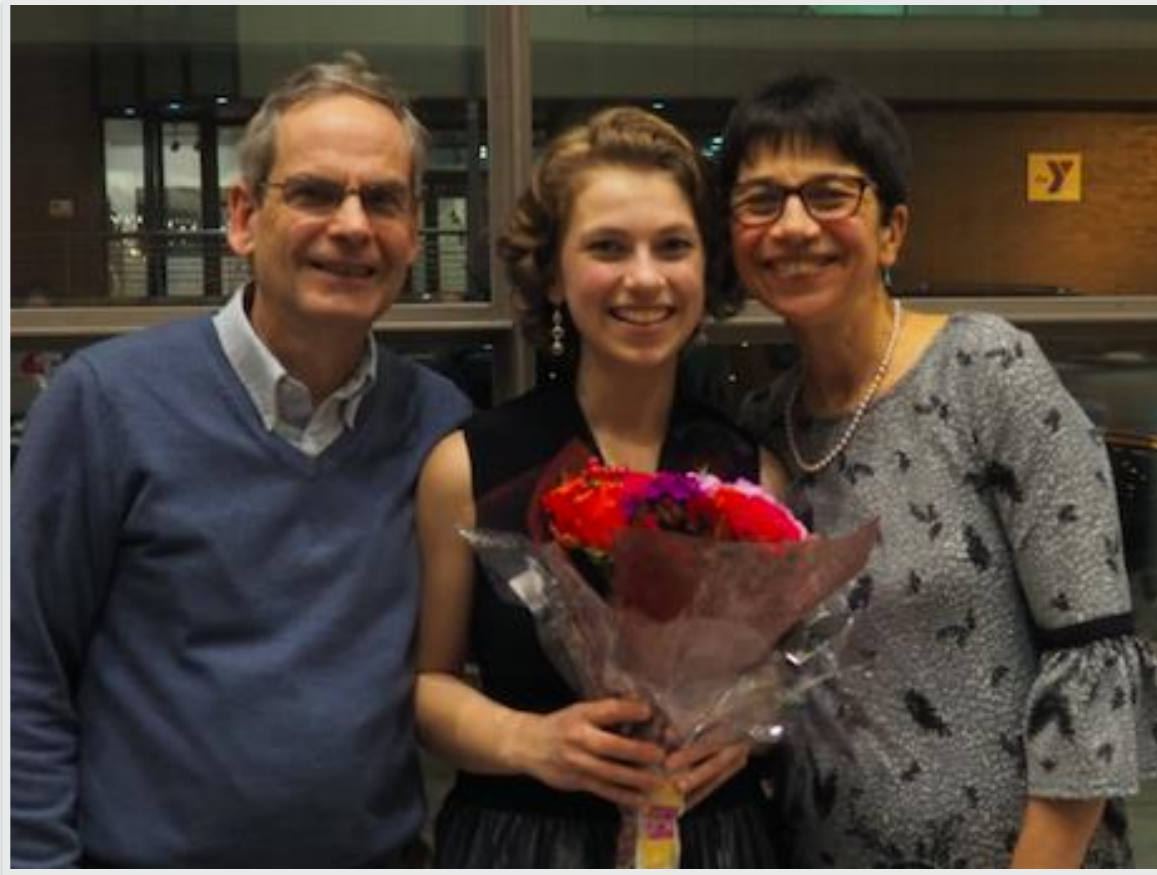


Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for all of your unfailing guidance and support over the last four years as I've started to make my own path. I love you!

Kathryn Baldwin





Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm so thankful that I'm not a baby turtle. Thank you for all your patience and love. You've always been cheering for me.

hannaH





*Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for the FaceTimes, the text messages, the safety pins, the Tim Hortons runs, the packages of leftovers, the dog videos, the amazon password(s), the borrowed purses and shoes, the attendance at every show...In other words, thank you for the endless love and support. I couldn't have done it without you!*

Love,

Elizabeth Priore '19



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for your constant support and love.
Thank you for listening and for sending me dog
photos. I love you both so much.

Sincerely,

Allie



Thank you mom and dad for sacrificing so much for my chance to earn this degree. Dad, I wish you could be here to see this moment. It was hard, but I kept my last promise to you. Mom, words cannot express the burdens you shouldered. Thank you so much for being my rock. I love you both so much.

Michael Emanuel



Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you to the two most supportive parents who taught me the true value of knowledge, curiosity, and education. I truly would not have been able to accomplish all that I have done in the last four years without your endless support, advice, and love. Thanks for helping me become who I am today.

Love always,

Cindy



Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you so much for your patience, love and support throughout my college experience. Your guidance, even though I didn't always listen as much as I should've, has shaped both my personal and professional outlook and development in more ways than I can express. I'm looking forward to getting even closer over these next two years.

Love,

Jake



I know that verbal gratitude isn't enough to cover what you've sacrificed for me and my sister, but I deeply want to say thank you! I truly pray to God that I can repay you someday for all you've done for us!

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Dear Families:

Thank you for the love, support, and guidance that you have provided to the Class of 2019.

Be proud of your graduate and your role in helping them reach this important milestone - congratulations!

Parent and Family Relations



**Congratulations to the
Class of 2019
and all of your loved ones!**

