

Dear Mom and Dad,

Messages to parents from UR seniors...



2010 seniors say 'thanks' to their parents.

Every year, Seniors are invited to submit a brief entry of 60 words or less to "Dear Mom and Dad," to honor their parents and family as they graduate from the University of Rochester. The following messages were submitted from the senior Class of 2010.

Thank you for your loving support, financial and otherwise;), throughout my 4 years here. I love you."
Amanda Yazdani

Dear Mom and Pop, Thank you so much for always supporting me. I will always love you!
Love, Tamara

Take a deep breath – that’s actually me walking across the stage. Words cannot describe my thanks for the unfailing faith, support, and love you have provided with throughout my time in college. Without your guidance and motivation, I would have never had the courage to overcome the adversities I have faced."
Nicholas Braniecki

Dear Mom, You have been an outstanding inspiration to me. Getting to this stage in my life has taken a lot of work, but it is nothing compared to how you worked and sacrificed for me. You are the number one reason I am where I am today. Without your continued support I could never have accomplished so much. I love you."
Christopher M. Bierasinski

Thanks for always being there for me during the good and the bad. Thanks for supporting and encouraging me to do my best. Most of all, thanks for always believing in me, even when I didn’t believe in myself. I am so lucky to have you."
Love, Patricia Dieter

Though you’ve always jokingly touted the persuasive “Just marry a rich guy!” scheme of life, throughout the years, you’ve taught me how to truly believe in myself. I’ve learned, through you, to have faith that with a little luck, and a lot of hard work, I can accomplish absolutely anything and everything. You are the model of selfless, hardworking, loving parents—and no child could ask for more."
Love, Jenna Lynn

Thank you for everything over the past 22 years. I could not have asked for more supportive parents! Mom - thank you for always being just a phone call away and Dad - here's to all of the adventures we've had and still have to come! Haha."
Love, Suzie

Thanks for all your love and support for all these year. You've always been behind me and pushed me to be the best that I can be. And I think I am as a result."
Love, Jason Scheff

Graduations are times of personal reflection. As I look back on my life, I cannot help but notice how you two have guided me every step of the way, helping me become the independent and confident person that I have grown into. My family defines who I am, and as I embark on my life's exciting journey, I will always keep you guys with me. I love you so much!"
Love Sam

Life is partly what you make of it, and partly what's been given to you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn, grow, fail, succeed, and have the best four years of my entire life! I love you both so much and could not have done this without you."
Anna Ziskend

Thank you for always supporting me and pushing me towards my dreams."

Jeff Galkowski

Thanks for paying my tuition and allowing me to get a great education these past four years. And thank you for letting me go to South Africa. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

Love, Shira Gabry

I truly appreciate everything that you have done for me. Your love and support have enabled me to learn and grown throughout my years at University of Rochester. I love you both so much!"

Love, Lauren Silverstein

Mom, Dad - I have to give you the credit for my 4 years here. Had you not encouraged me to look into U of R, I would've missed out on the best experience of my life. You've supported me through this entire journey, and I can't thank you enough for that. Hugs n' stuff, LYTP."

Blair

Dear Mother and Father, I love you so much and I want to thank you for supporting me through the best and worst years of my life. I know both of you and my sister are some of the one and only people who will always be there for me. I love you so much and I know how difficult I can be- Thanks!"

Diana Hartnett

Thank you for the opportunity you've given me to pursue my dreams. Thank you for coming to every lacrosse game, being my biggest fan, and supporting me on and off the field. Thank you for sharing and celebrating these exciting milestones with me. "

Danielle Mondro

Thank you for teaching me to believe in myself while always pushing me to do better. Your advice has helped me to make both the easy and hard decisions and your support has given me the confidence to follow through. I'll need it more than ever in the coming months"

Love, Tyler Kieft

Thank you for everything you have done for me over the past 4 years, I promise to make it up to you by buying you expensive things that I can now afford because of my awesome degree. Thank you for pushing me to be the best I could be and knowing when to just listen."

Love You Always, Jennifer Mosher

Who would have thought that this is how my college experience would have unfolded? Thanks for your constant support, willingness to listen, and ability to deal with my nonsense. I really do owe you. Not only financially, but for all the hours you've invested in me and my future. Thanks."

Love, Greg

Dear Mom & Dad, Thank you so much for everything! I never would have been able to succeed without you. Attending the U of R has enabled me to fulfill so many of my aspirations. This whole time you have been watching and cheering. I will always remember your faith in me!"

Love, Guy F Mongelli

Every time I talk to anyone about my parents, I always tell them how wonderful you are. Without your love and support, I don't know how I would have made it through these last four years. I hope that you are as proud to be my parents as I am to be your daughter."

Love, Jackie Zarack

To my family: I made it! Thank you for supporting me throughout my college years. It's a tough job to do from the opposite side of the country =) I have changed so much over these past four years, and I am really happy with the person I am today. Thanks for all your love and guidance! "

Thanks, Joanne Maurer

Thank you for all that you have done for me, not just since I've been in college but for my whole life. I love you both more than you'll ever know and would not be the man I am today if it was not for you two. "

Michael Mungillo

It didn't matter how many miles separated us, you both were always there. I could not have asked for more. "

Love, Vic

Thanks for always encouraging me and listening to me vent or freak out and reassuring me that it'll be ok. Thanks for never, well almost never, laughing at me when I was being dramatic and always praying for every test, paper, homework assignment, etcetera! I love you and am so grateful to have such wonderful parents! I'm the luckiest girl in the world! "

Angie Fayad

I'm so happy that you two are coming to Rochester for your first time! I'm excited that you're here to celebrate the first college graduation in our family. I could not have made it so far in my life without your constant support and dedication. Thank you so much and I love you both <3 "

Rena Wu

You two have led me through more than you know. The guidance you have provided to me will last through all of my days. Thanks for always being there -- I love you. "

Donald Hume

Dear Mom, You have loved me beyond reason, for reasons I still don't understand. You accepted me at my best and at my worse. You have been the rock in my life and helped me to sustain. What I'm trying to say is thank you mom, and I love you with all of my heart."

Marisa Lester to Marsha's Love

Thanks for always being there for me. And thanks for sending me all my favorite Indian foods per request. I hope this service will continue during med school. I love you both so much!"

Avni Patel

Dear Family, You have always given me moments in my life great ones, moving ones, and ones that are for something to tell my therapist when I get older. Thank you for giving me four years of amazing memories, unique learning experiences, and at least \$200,000 worth of something to tell my therapist when I get older."

Lauren

You both have given me so much, I can't even begin to thank you! You are incredible role models and I aim to achieve even half of the things you both have accomplished in your lives. Thank you for being fantastic."

Arielle Friedlander

Mom, Thank you for being so supportive and endlessly loving. You win the mommy of the century award. I love you. JP, You have done so much more than you needed to make me feel a part of your family. This graduation is for you - you're the best father anyone could ever hope to find. I love you."

Alden Gatt

Ma ar Baba, Thank you for pushing me to succeed ever since I was a child. Thank you for trusting me to live over six hours away from home. Thank you for believing in me when no one else did. Thank you for shaping me into the person I have become. Thank you for supporting me emotionally. Thank you for providing for me financially. Thank you for giving me a rich and beautiful culture. Thank you for everything."

Tomar Doong Shona, Debarshi Das

To Jeff and Judy- Thanks for everything you've done for me these past few years! There's no way that I would be where I am today without your constant love and support! I truly couldn't have done it without you! Love you both!"

Without your enduring love and support, I would not be the person I am today. Your selfless sacrifices have enabled me to have opportunities I never would have dreamed of, and I promise to make you proud in my future endeavors. My appreciation for both of you is endless, and continuing to grow with each passing day."

Krista Wentworth

Dad, For teaching me my left from my right, for climbing mountains with me, for going out of your way to make sure that I had amazing opportunities and wonderful experiences, for always supporting me, for always believing in me, and for always loving me, I am eternally grateful. Thank you. I love you."

Always your little girl, Cassie Dobbins

I bet it seems like just yesterday when you were walking around on campus for Yellowjacket Weekend with me in a stroller-- telling me to "be really smart" so that I could go to the U of R. Thank you for being my inspiration. I love you."

Becky Domalski

Mom, Dad, Rebecca and Adam: "Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family." - Anthony Brandt I love you."

Judith

Thank you so much for your unconditional love and support. You have given me strength to excel and become the person that I am today. You are my best friends and my confidants. I am forever grateful and appreciative for every opportunity you have provided me. I love you so much!"

Nora

Mom, I am proud to say I got my love of learning and exploration from you. Dad, I am truly a follower in your footsteps of thorough, practical thinking and mathematical prowess. And your powers combined, produced me and for that as well as all the other things I've said I am forever grateful. I love you!"

Your Daughter, Laura

Thank you for always encouraging and supporting me. I appreciate everything you have done for me and I love you!"

Alaina Tosatti

Thank you for your support and love these four years and always."

Lena DeBaz

Leenie and Ronald, After all the complaining, I had a great time at UR. Thanks for AMAZING opportunities (maybe now I'll come home lol). Thanks for goofy emails, Sunday phone "conversations" (where I talk without a breath and you listen), coming out to visit. Couldn't ask for better (except when you move my stuff---Just kidding) Love you bunches! "

Ems

Thank you, Mom, Dad, and Adam, for being such wonderful sources of support and pride. Your confidence in me has inspired me to push limits and reach my full potential. I would not be where I am today without your unconditional love, and I am grateful to have such a wonderful family to continue to support me in my future endeavors. "

Jeff Cohen

Thank you for always supporting me no matter what decisions I make. Without such a loving and encouraging childhood, I never would have had the courage to make them. I might be living at home for awhile, but you always used to say you missed me right? I'm looking forward to having someone do my laundry again."

All my love, Lori

Dear Mom, Thank you for always being there. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you for being my best friend. I owe everything to you. How else could I have made it through all my classes without having somebody to complain to over the phone? I am so lucky to have you as a mother."

Love, Jennifer Winkler

Your continuous support throughout college meant so much to me and I couldn't have made it this far without you. I love you."

Camille Enriquez

I can't believe I am actually graduating! Thanks so much for your full support during the past four years. Thanks for pushing me to do what makes me happy in life (even if I wanted to be a garbage man - since they get good benefits!). I could NEVER ask for better parents."

Lots of Love, Jeff Englander

Thank you for all the support you have given me throughout the past four years of college, especially coming up almost every weekend for dinner and a trip to Wal-Mart. I really appreciate everything you have provided me with to achieve my goals and continue onward toward my bigger dreams."

Love, Katie Litts

I am very grateful to have such devoted and loving parents. Thank you for the love and support you have given me. I would not be as successful as I am today, both as a student and as a person, if it were not for you. I love you mom and dad!"

Ajit Rao

Thank you for all of your love and support throughout the last four years. I appreciate everything you've done for me. I couldn't have done this without you."

Matthew Julius

Words can't describe how thankful I am to have you in my life. I want to thank you for all your support, love and commitment, and for never doubting that I could achieve my dreams. Thanks for encouraging me to never settle for less. You've inspired me to be great and for that I love you."

Kayann Williams

Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the years! Your supportive and motivating words have given me the push I have needed to succeed. Many of the most important lessons I have learned have come from you and I can't begin to explain how grateful I am for everything you have done for me. Love you much!"

Katie

Mommy and Tanya, Words cannot express how thankful I am to have you. Without your support I would not be here. Thank You and I love you."

Kashawmma Wright

Mommy and Daddy, I love you both and I would do anything for you. You are my world and every time I wanted to give up, I thought about how much getting this degree meant to you. But I will continue to work hard to make our American Dream come true."

Love, Renea Faulknor

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געניק.

דיין,
בובליצקי

Dear Dad (and Jared!) Graduation is finally here! Thank you for all of your support through the endless hours of studying, exploring new academic interests, long BPG shows, exams, orientation planning, wedding planning, and most of all, putting up with me attending a school with the dreaded blue and yellow color combination."

Love, Cara Champion

Chuckles and MEH!!!! You are the greatest parents any child could ever dream of having. Thank you for always encouraging me to pursue my passions. I will always treasure your never-ending trust and support. I wuv ooo both very very much!"

Quackingly yours, Sunshine

I don't even know how to begin to thank you for everything you have done. The love and support that you have given me over the years has been unbelievable. Thanks for all the encouragement, for listening to me vent and, most importantly, for teaching me to laugh (especially at myself)! I love you so much!"

Em (Emily Hunter)

Thank you so much for all your love and support throughout my life. I wouldn't be where I am today or who I am today without everything you have done for me. Thanks for letting me explore my passions. I look forward to being closer to you next year! Love you always."

Julie Tabroff

I don't really know what to say, but all I really can say is Thank You. Thank you for the pushes, the shoves. The hugs and kisses. The encouragement I needed when I faltered. Thank you for bearing with me when we argued. Thank you for all the opportunities. Thank you for everything."

Love, Qinqin