



In April 2009, Seniors were invited to submit a brief entry of 50 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 2009.

Being away from home for the past four years has helped me to grow and love you all the more. Thank you for sending me on this journey to find myself. Even in Switzerland I will carry you both deep in my heart. I love you both!"

*Your favorite daughter, Julie Shin*

Regardless of our past struggles and hardships, I'm where I am today because of your compassion, insight, and most of all, your patience. Because of this, you have allowed me to approach the world with an inquisitive yet open mind. You have given me so many opportunities, and I am forever grateful."

*Love, Bill (William Sipprell)*

I can never thank you enough for always listening to me laugh and cry and tell a million rambling stories. Thank you for always being there even when I'm convinced I never need help. I love you lots and lots and lots and lots and even more than that."

*Kali Cohn*

Thanks Mom, Krisy, Jenny, and all of my family and friends for all of the love and support!"

*Julie*

Mom and Dad, you have shaped the person I've become. Thank you for everything! When I grow up, I want to be just like you!!! I love you!"

*JR*

Mom-Thank you so much for all that you have sacrificed for me to achieve this milestone in my life. I could not have done this without all your help and support. I am so happy to have you as my mom. You are #1! I love you."

*Linda Argueta*

Thank you for your unwavering support during my four, eventful years at the University of Rochester. Without your enduring love and assistance I am not sure that I'd be able to accomplish all that I have in the past four years. I am sincerely grateful for this. Please know that you are truly loved and appreciated."

*Krista Van Beuren*

These four years have been unbelievable with your constant support. I appreciate you guys coming to my every swim meet and band concert, and believing in me when I wanted to pursue my dreams. College has taught me much, but you've truly prepared me for the real world. I love you guys."

*Love, Jill*

Without your unconditional support I couldn't have made it this far. Without your sacrifices, I wouldn't have appreciated my education and the opportunities awarded me. Without you, I wouldn't be the first Reyes Ortiz with a B.A.! I pray I've made you proud. I love you!"

*Bianca Krystina Reyes*

Thank you so

*Ben Plog*

My best friends. Through a rough freshman year, crazy roommates, London and all the pep talks, you always knew I had what it took to be great and do well. Your support means the world to me and has helped me get where I am today. Thank you for everything."

*Love, Jessica Mueller*

Dear Carolyn and Herb,

Thank you for all the love and support over the last 22 years. Thank you for all the tutors in grade school, all the emotional support through college, and for all the wonderful things that you have yet to help me with but I know will come eventually. I will always remember and

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successes. I will always continue to make you proud."

*Much love, Renata*

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I couldn't have done it without both of you. I love you both so much. Thank you for everything."

*With love, Your Daughter, Katie Hiler*

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I don't think I could've made it here without you. You have always been there to support me in everything that I have done and I am so lucky to have such great parents. Thank you for everything. I love you both so much!"

*Thanks, Michelle Levine*