

DEAR FAMILY

Messages to families from the Class of 2022

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I am forever thankful to my family for everything they sacrificed, and for prioritizing my education over their own needs. Thank you for instilling me with a strong passion for learning and thank you for your immense support. Meliora!

- Hana





Dragi Mama, Tata i Aska,

Vi ste moja najveća podrška, snaga i inspiracija. Hvala vam na vašoj ljubavi koja me je uvijek usmjeravala naprijed i bez koje nikada ne bih stigao ovdje. Volim vas!

- Anis Idrizovic



I would like to say thank you to my parents,
Brenda and Michael, for all their love and
support over these past four years, I could not
have done it without you both. And thank you
to my sisters, Chelsea and Delaney, for all
your encouragement that only sisters can give.
I love you all.

- Hayley McGowan





Thank you Mom and Dad! Thank you for starting the
Kleerup Corp. Empire!

- Sir Alexander David Kleerup





To my loving parents, thank you for supporting me through everything and making my dreams possible.

- Abigail Walrond



Thank you for all your support.

- Cayoung Kwon





To my family,

Thank you for encouraging me and loving me unconditionally throughout my academic career and beyond. I would not be able to accomplish what I have without your endless support. Throughout all the years of friends gained and lost, ups and down, successes and failures, the one thing constant through it all has been you three.

Love, Gabrielle



Dear Mom - Thank you for being my rock. I couldn't have moved across the country and immersed myself in this chapter of my life I didn't have you behind me. You have taught me to fearlessly look for opportunities to grow, curiously ask questions, and find the joy in everything in between. I love you.

- Olivia Waysack



感谢亲人朋友一直的支持, 愿未来永远光明

- Zhaofei Chen





Mom, Dad, Claudia, Isabel,
& Michael;

I think we can all agree that the past four years have been a rollercoaster; quite literally the only constant during that time was your comfort and support. Thank you for all the late night phone calls, Valentine's snacks, cat pictures, love, and for always reminding me that "adventure is out there!" I love you.

- Madeleine Vogel



Thank you, mom and dad. You have been so supportive of all my endeavors and I wouldn't be here without you.

With love, Stefanie





I thank you parents for opening my doors to this world of opportunities.

Parents, I love you both a lot and appreciate your effort and love in bringing me up to be a better individual, mersi pou tou sakrifis zot inn fer pou mw, and mo remersie bondie pou so bann gras.

- Anastasia Taleck





Sus sacrificios no han sido por nada. Han transformado mi vida y siempre voy a estar agradecida por ustedes y por la abundancia de oportunidades que he tenido a través de sus esfuerzos. Gracias de todo corazón por las horas que no durmieron, los empujones para ponerme las pilas, y la alegradera que nunca sobra. Los quiero mucho.

- Stephanie Rivera



Gracias por los sacrificios y empeño que han puesto en mi educación desde que era un bebé. Sin ustedes, no estaría aquí. Los amo por siempre. Esto es por todos ustedes. Su 'jibarito' se ha graduado.

- Tyrone Omar Nieves Martinez





Thank you all for raising me to be the woman I am today, for the best parts of you are reflected in me. I've gone through a lot in these years and want to thank you for the best gift you've given me: being there- to listen, to love, to support, and encourage me at moments I needed you most.

- Lauryn Alexa Wilson





Thank you, Mom, Licho, Yesi, Pastor Charlie, Rich and Martha Handler, and many more!
Throughout my early life, I learned that mind over matter could carry one much further than one would expect. Thank you for being there and carrying me through the moments when matter felt much greater than mind. No matter what life brings, smile back!

- Antony Alvarado



I never would have made it this far without the support of my mom, dad a slew of Aunts and Uncles, and my Granny :) Thank you guys for always having my back and getting me where I needed to go.

- Serah-Marie



College has been full of the best memories, but these past 5 years wouldn't have been complete without you as my biggest supporters and role models: from my first Mel Weekend and regatta cheerleaders to the Bill's Game, Monday notes & quotes, and Sunday Zooms. I love you!

- Ariel Schwartz



Thank you for all of your love and support during my time at U of R!

- Zachary Galcik





Mamá y Papá, mis héroes favoritos. No hay palabras que puedan describir cuánto los aprecio y cuánto los quiero. Ustedes, Nakán y Gaia, Titi y Tío, Abu y Abuelo, Abuela Lucy y Abuelo Freddy, Titi Numir y Tío, y el resto de la familia son lo mejor que me ha pasado en mi vida. Gracias por siempre apoyarme y por creer en mis sueños. I know being a parent is a thankless job, but I hope you know I am thankful every day you guys are mine. Sé que no lo digo mucho, pero los amo un cojón!

- Syanis Yari Vargas-González



To my family, thank you for continuously supporting me through college and life. You are the reason I am able to do what I love and I hope to continue to make you proud. Thank you for everything you've done for me. I love you <3

- Anesse Pinpokintr





Dear Family, thank you for always believing in me and supporting my dreams! Love you.

- Niharika Thakur





Querida familia:

Gracias por estar ahí siempre.

Este logro es gracias a los abrazos, los besos, los sacrificios y las palabras de apoyo que me han dado y me han motivado a ir más allá.

Gracias por tenerme paciencia. Los amo.

- Cesar Alejandro Perez
Mesta



Mother, thank you for getting me here alone. I love you. And Christina
and Robert.

- Dianna Josephine Cacace



For Mommy and Daddy, my brother and sisters. Thanks for always pushing me to reach for the stars. This is for all of us, and those who lived before us!

- Dokata Banchale



Bac M. and Bac H., I can go higher because I know I've got you behind my back. Thank you for always supporting me and guiding me. Missing you always <3

- Trang Nguyen





Thank you so much to my incredible family for all of the love, support, and encouragement these past four years and always! Words can't express how lucky I feel to have them constantly willing to help me, making me laugh, and cheering me on in all things!

- Jenny Buckley





Without the love, support, and guidance from my family I could never have dreamed of accomplishing all that I have. Mom, Dad, and PJ - I love you tremendously, thank you.

- Carolyn Kocheck





My college experience was far from straightforward. Though all the twists and turns, the pain and sacrifice, the smiles and scars, my family's unyielding love and support allowed me to defy fate itself by being here today. Sir Newton's words have never rung so true: "if I have seen further, it is because I stand on the shoulders of giants."

- Cecily Zecca-Naples



Thank you to my mom, dad, sister, nieces, and my cat Belle for getting me through these past four years. Completing my undergraduate degree seemed impossible with the pandemic and its challenges, but you all helped me through. Love you always!

- Rebecca McCall





Thank you to my mom, Marcia, and my two sisters, Jenna and Mara for being so inspirational. Thank you for your constant support and encouragement to always reach my goals. Thank you for being my rocks and guiding me because I could not have done it without having such strong, independent women in my corner and always on my side!

- Alyssa Steger





Dear Mom,

Your constant love and support throughout my school years has been the greatest gift I could ever ask for. Your everlasting strength and work ethic inspires me daily, and I am so grateful for all the sacrifices you have made to give me the opportunity to pursue my dreams.

All my love,

Lauren





Thank you so much
for all the sacrifices
you have made for me.
This degree is
dedicated to you.

- Milenia Rojas





Thank you Mother Dearest and Connor so much for always supporting me and sharing my accomplishments with the world because you're proud of me! Love you!

- Mekayla Sullivan





There really aren't enough words to describe the gratitude I have felt and feel every day. Your support and encouragement have not only gotten me to where I am now but have helped carry the heavy steps and cheered upon the jumps of success as I follow my path one step at a time. Vielen Dank! Ihr bedeutet mir Alles!!

- Tiana Salomon



Dear Mom & Dad,

At times, it feels just like yesterday since I said goodbye to you to get on my flight to Rochester for the first time. At others, it feels like it was a lifetime ago. 4 years have passed and now this journey is at its end. Thank you for your encouragement, support, and for believing in me when I needed it the most. Love ya.

- Mustafa





I could never have made it here without my village. I'm so proud of how far we've come and who you raised me to be. I can't wait to celebrate with everyone back home. Thank you for your support, always. Los amo a todos <3

- Madi Ireland





No matter whether I was studying in Rochester or Hollidaysburg, I have appreciated your support of my academic pursuits. Thank you for learning UR lingo to understand my stories, for visiting and trying new restaurants with me, and for all the spontaneous phone calls. I'm ready for my next chapter because of your unwavering love and support. I love you!

- Alex Kaplan



Мне безумно повезло, что вся моя семья готова была меня поддержать меня и мои мечты. Мне безумно повезло, что мои родители позаботились о моём будущем и поверели в меня. Мне безумно повезло, что мама и папа не побоялись отправить меня на другой конец света в погоне за счастьем когда мне было только 15 лет. Шын жүректен алғыс айтамын!

- Daler Beisenbayev



I wish to thank you for all of the help that you have given me throughout my time in college and for helping me deal with the stresses that are involved with the intention of starting a career in medicine. I have considerably enjoyed your continual communication and I would not have gotten to this point without your support.

- John Monroe





Mom, thank you for constant love and support—and late night calls. Dad, thank you for the subtle alumni brainwashing (not really), and for sharing your passion for this university with me. It's had the most profound impact on my experience and I am forever grateful to have lived it through both your eyes and my own.

- Celia Konowe





This year's MVP goes to Mom, Dad, Grace and Char. Your love, support and patience these last 4 years is unparalleled. Honorable mentions include Shawn, Scott, Frankie, Herman, and all the rest of my incredible family and friends for making each day brighter. Jokes aside, I love you all fiercely. Thank you for endless love, laughter and fun. Here's to the next chapter!

- Ellie Lindo



Dear mom and dad,

You've given me the ability to dream big and have taught me how to be courageous enough to go after those dreams. Thank you for always supporting me whatever undertaking I was determined to conquer next. So I decided to forgive you for not coming, but I will see you very soon. I love you.

- Grace Liu





To my family. My best friends. My heroes. Thank you for loving me unconditionally and being by my side every step of the way. Your encouragement makes me feel unstoppable. I am doing this all for you! I love you! XOXOXO Love, LB

- Lila Balistrieri





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- Antony Allen Alvarado



Dear Mom,

I love you and thank you. I know I don't say those words as much as I should, but I hope you know how much I appreciate you and everything that you have done over the years.

Thank you for always being there and for always being ready to listen - from our morning calls to afternoon walks. Thank you for all of your sacrifices, for always finding a way to make things work. Thank you for always believing in me and for never giving up on me.

Even though I'm graduating today, I hope you know that it's more like we're graduating today because I would not be here if it weren't for you. You truly are the strongest person I know. I'm so grateful for and so proud of you.

Thank you, Mom. I love you.

With love,
Cierra T.

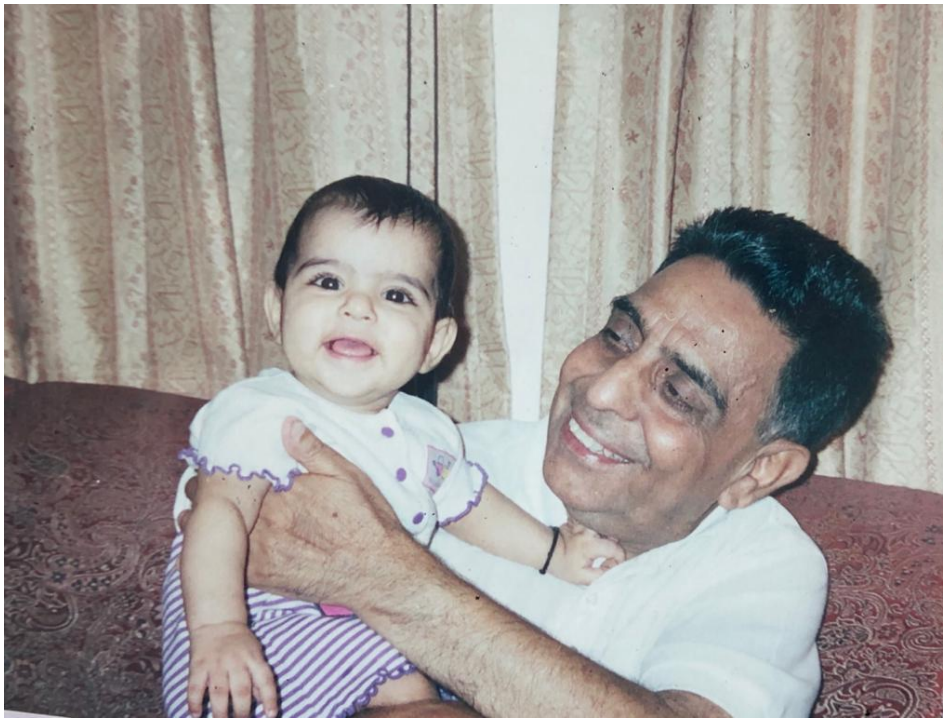




Thank you Ammu, Abbu, and Siam Bhaiya for helping me realize my dreams, for letting no border or stereotype stand in my way and fighting for me to come this far. This is for all of you and I love you.

- Sarah Zaman





Dear Family,

Dada always wanted me to become a doctor and while I am far from that, I think what he truly wanted was to ensure I was accomplished. Today, I leave here exactly that. He may not be here, but I know he is proud and with us always. Thank you for your constant support.

Love,

Natasha



Dear Family,

Thank you for your constant love and support throughout the past four years! I would not be where I am today without you. I love you! :)

Love,
Kirsten





Dear FamiLi,
Thanks for being there every step of the way as I navigate my way through life and college. You've been incredibly supportive during all the highs and lows and I couldn't have made it without your advice, care, and abundance of animal emojis in the group chat.

Love,
Karlin



爸爸, 妈妈, 姥姥, 笨蛋: If the sacrifices you've made and the hardships you've gone through in order to support me, my education, and my dreams are a debt to be repaid. It is one that can never be paid in full. But I will nevertheless strive to do so in the same currency that you've given me, love.

- Yuexin Wang, Kai Wang





Thank you all for your endless love and support! I would not be the woman I am today without each of you wonderful, crazy, amazing human beings. No matter where I am, you will always be home.

- Lilly Hutton



To my family, thank you for your endless support throughout these 4 years! I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for your words of wisdom and faith in me. Knowing that you guys have my back no matter what I was going through is what motivated me to finish strong and to continue pursuing my passion. I love you all so dearly and I'm so happy to be able to celebrate this special day with you!

- Liying Wang





From being inspired by my Dad to pursue business and providing me with every opportunity to my Mom always pushing me to pursue higher education and be financially independent and my sister making sure I did not face the difficulties she did and being my cheerleader, today I am so grateful for all three of them.

- Vanshika Singhanian





To my grandmom, mom, dad and sister,

You are the greatest supporters and cheerleaders in my life. Thank you for always believing and loving me unconditionally! I love you so much and am forever grateful for you <3 I made it, and my graduation is yours as well!

Con yêu cả nhà mình nhiều lắm ạ!!

- Phuong Anh Nguyen





Dear mommy and daddy, the time is finally here, I am graduating from college! I've learned and matured a lot in the last 4 years, and I am so happy that you are a big part of my journey. Thank you for being my biggest supporters and always cheering me on. I love you so much.

- Amber Hu



Thank you for helping me get to this point. I couldn't have done it without you and I love you all!

- Lyrica Yanaway

