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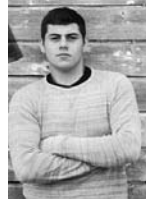


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## A Final Farewell to our Seniors.....

### Anthony Campbell



*Dear Anthony,*  
 Son I'm not sure how I got so blessed that you chose me to be your mom, but I'm so thankful that you did. Watching you grow up over these last 17 years and watching you put your best in all that you have done and now to watch all the pay off and now seeing you finish your last year of high school. To watch your love for baseball from t-ball all the way to your senior year, and how far you have come, and made progress over the years. I'm so proud of you. I want you to know how much I love you. We have shared so many things together - laughter, tears, strength, faith, independence - I hope all these memories stay with you. I hope I have taught you most of the topics you need to know to go out into the big world. If or when a topic occurs, I'm only a phone call away.  
 Love Always and forever,  
 Mom

### Bianca Cardona



*Dear Bianca,*  
 Your Dad and I are so proud of you! Our one and only precious baby girl was born 18 years ago. Where did the time go? You have grown from a cute, funny little girl to a mature, funny, talented, beautiful young lady. I always told you that you can do whatever you put your mind to. We are going to miss and worry about you when you go off to college, but you're not far at all, so I can deal with that. Bianca, we know you will follow your dreams. You've shown everybody how talented you are and I know we will be seeing more of you performing somewhere or TV. Good Luck Baby Girl! Mom and Dad love you so much. Follow your dreams our Shining Star!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad

### Erin Chalupa



*Dear Erin,*  
 Wow, it's finally here! We couldn't be prouder! You have kept us busy as spectators for all of your activities throughout the past 18 years. Your hard work ethic and determination not to give up or quit is an admirable quality that shines through in all that you do, in and out of school. You have always been a leader and chosen the right path even when you've stood alone on that path. The kindness and compassion you have for others is unmeasurable, especially when it comes to your siblings, you are such a great sister and role model to them. We are so excited for you to start your journey at Iowa State. Remember to stay true to yourself and you will thrive. Your strong faith and kind heart will always keep you on the right path. We hope you have a great time next year at Iowa State, and remember your home will always be here no matter where life takes you, we love you very much and will miss you every day.  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom, Ryan, Jace, and Izzi

### Avery Conrad



*Dear Avery,*  
 How does one begin to write a letter to express how we feel about our son? Is there enough paper on the planet to talk about all that you have given us? How does one pick out the highlights of their child's life when there are so many?

Eighteen and a half years ago we were handed a BIG bouncing baby boy at Mercy in Iowa City. No instructions, no guide, just a piece of paper

when we left the hospital telling us to call if we have any questions. We took you home and you screamed for about nineteen hours a day for the first six months. You taught us patience, you taught us what pride truly was, you taught us true responsibility, and you taught us what loving someone so much it hurts means.

I paraded you around the hospital and showed you off to all of the other new parents on our floor. I took you to the County Attorney's office and showed him how you could balance in the palm of my hand before you were old enough to walk, and I continue to brag about you to anyone that will listen.

Thank you, Avery Conrad, for giving and teaching us so much over the last eighteen years. I can't wait to brag about the things you will accomplish as life moves forward.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad

### Madeline Johnson



*Dear Maddy,*  
 Eighteen years went by in the blink of an eye. It seems like yesterday we were bringing you home. As we think back through the years, it occurred to us that you have taught us as much as we have taught you. Your outlook on life amazes us. We love that you are your own person and do your own thing.  
 We are honored to be your family and so proud of the beautiful and caring woman you have become. Always keep your faith and be kind.  
 Love you always,  
 Mom, Dad Frankie and Max

### Cullen Kelley



*Dear Cullen,*  
 Here we are at the end of one chapter of your life. A chapter of boyhood, of growing strong. A Chapter that started to shed a little light on the person you are to become. We could not be happier with who you are and the potential you hold inside of you. We are proud to call you our son.

A new beginning starts now, a beginning of independence, challenges, triumphs and some hardships. Know that our love and support will always be available to help you be the best person you can be.

This may be the best advice that I can send with you:  
 Life is full of disappointments, failures and setbacks  
 None of these things can permanently stop you.

You have the power to overcome anything life throws at you, There is nothing more powerful than a made up mind.  
 Surround yourself with people who remind you that you matter, And support you in ways that matter most to you.

No person, situation, or circumstance can define who you are.  
 Don't give up, don't cave in, don't stop believing that your goals and dreams are possible.

It's never over until you achieve it.  
 We are proud of you as a young man and look forward to seeing you grow as you embark on this next chapter of your life.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad

### Baylei McClelland



*Dear Baylei,*  
 As parents of a child taking her first steps of what will become her adult life, we can not help but to look back so long ago to when we were in your shoes. Comparing your journey so far to ours gives us hope. You are so much more prepared for what's to come than we were then.

When you were a little girl you were fiercely independent and consistently surprising us with your grasp of how the world around you worked and you were not afraid to express how you imagined the world should or could be. We know you will do your best to make that world a reality.

So we reluctantly send you on your journey with love, hope and the knowledge we shared with you from the triumphs, failures and lessons we have learned and imparted to you along the way. Making sure you always know that we love and cherish you and will always be here when you need us.  
 We love you with all of our heart.  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom and Tristin

### Maleah Miller



*Dear Maleah,*  
 I swear it feels like last week when you came to live with us and decided to join our family. As you head off to college, remember the things we taught you when you are faced with challenges because there will be bigger ones. Remember your morals, your values and your integrity. Hold on to those. Remember that you ALWAYS have a choice. Remember that the choices you make will have consequences. Take responsibility for your choices. Don't blame others. Look past the moment. Be a leader. Be a friend. Most of all, have fun and enjoy these years because as you will see, they will fly by all too fast! You will make lifelong friends during your college years. You will have some amazing opportunities come your way. Enjoy them! Take advantage of them! Study, study, and study some more.  
 All our love,  
 Mom, Dad, Lakin, and Kevin

### Jason Ree



*Dear Jason,*  
 We are so proud of you. You made it through school. You should be very proud of yourself.

We have raised you, now it's time to move on in your life. I hope you enjoy your graduation day. I will always be there for you if you need anything. I hope you succeed in life.  
 Love Always,  
 Mom and Dad

### Raigan Sprouse



*Dear Raigan,*  
 Our adventure began the day we brought you home from the hospital. How could a being so small make such an enormous impact on someone's life? There are all those fears that go through a parent's head, but then we look beyond those and there lie all the dreams and wishes we want so much to come true for you. You have

brought us so much pride and joy as we have had the privilege of watching you grow up and mature into a wonderful young woman. We have no doubt you will achieve all that you set out to do. You are here to accomplish great things. And, so it is now that YOUR adventure begins.  
 Remember:

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine as children do. It's not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."  
 -Marianne Williamson  
 Dream BIG and don't forget, you are powerful beyond measure.  
 We love you!  
 Mom and Dad

### Cole Stout



*Dearest Cole,*  
 You entered our life on a sunny day in May.

Now it's time for college at ISU for the blessed parents to pay, pay and pay. JD is taking over the Business so, YEAH NO WORRIES HERE!  
 But he doesn't believe in food and water, is something we fear. So Chapter 11 Bankruptcy could possibly be sought.  
 And as for your room, Well Huck has a thought.  
 A nice X-Box man cave might be moved in.  
 And Keegan says, "See ya, I hope you make a friend!"  
 We all love you to death, moving from frog boots into Mucks.  
 And you can come home, once you make a few million bucks.  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom, JD, Sawyer (Huck), Keegan, and Zip

### Kaylin Swanson



*Dear Kaylin,*  
 We are so proud of you Kaylin! From the time you were two years old it was evident that you were going to be a strong, independent woman, and you have become just that. Looking back at the past 17 years we have watched you become such a wonderful person and role model to your two younger sisters. The time has gone by so fast and the memories will be everlasting. During your elementary years you were always a big help to dad with the puppies and taking care of your pet goat, Teddy. I will always remember you coming up to my classroom afterschool, grabbing a snack, and telling me about your day. Your junior high years when you would avoid me in the hall because seeing your mom was embarrassing. And your purple fleece.... And finally, high school;

the sports, the friends, and of course Peggy Sue, the Bassett Hound you just had to have. I will miss you coming to me to proof read a paper or just to chat. It has been such a blessing to be able to see you every day at school. Dad and I loved every minute of watching you grow up and the time has come to send you out into the real world.

During the last few days of your senior year please know that you will be missed in more ways than you can imagine. Dad and I are so lucky that you came into our lives. To be blessed with such a wonderful daughter has been amazing. Always remember you are dad's favorite oldest daughter.

We know that your future will be remarkable, the world is yours!  
 We love you,  
 Mom, Dad, Addie, and Lainey

### Elise Swanstrom



*Dear Elise,*  
 Jim Croce, Daddy and I want to say that every time I tried to write this the words just came out wrong, so we'll have to say we love you in a poem:

Beautiful inside and out,  
 very impressive for such a little sprout.

Adorable baby, slept next to Daddy while he studied in Vet school, this commenced your journey as his precious blonde jewel.

Astonishing toddler, potty-trained in less than a week, you explained, no diaper then bathroom, diaper why bother, which displayed your precociousness;

you were so very very young but I risk being braggadocios.  
 Compassionate, how you protected and nurtured a lost abused dog, who grew to become Max an important family cog.

Intelligent, you broke the curve in college physics which you aced, Deidre was right, it is a math girl with which we have been graced.

Adequate describes your golf score which is passable, but for mom it is still chase able.

Grand is your gourmet cooking, especially your French onion soup, it is so delicious all we can do is whoop.

Majestic is your calmness when faced with adversity, we're thinking this will be an asset when at the university.

Formidable your devotion when you undertake a task, you saw the trails at Yellowstone despite that cast.

Awesome daughter and sista, Oh dear, we're going to miss ya.  
 For our Elise with love,  
 Mom and Dad

### Kylea Tennes



*Dear Kylea,*  
 "Unconditionally" by Georgia Florida Line is the best way to start. Dad and I were so excited and proud the day you came into this world.

Watching you grow into the fabulous young lady you are has been a great ride!!! The next turn in our journey - wow, college. We know you'll master all thrown your way. Come home often and shampoo goes both ways. Follow your heart ,gut, and brain and laugh often.

Love Infinity and Beyond,  
 Dad and Mom

### Jace Uphold



*Dear Jace,*  
 Congratulations! From the first to the last, you have definitely been the most entertaining child! Whether it's the indecisiveness of taking your boots to school to going out for baseball. You always make us smile!

So proud of the young man you've become and look forward to watching God give you the desires of your heart.  
 Love you always!  
 Dad and Mom

### Jacob Wickenkamp



*Dear Jacob,*  
 It seems like only yesterday when we welcomed you into this world, and now you are graduating! It has been amazing to watch you grow from that tiny red-headed baby to the young man you are today. You were always such a great kid, with a big heart, putting others before yourself. We love your silly side and your ability to make people laugh when they need it. Remember to believe in yourself because you can do whatever you set your mind to. Never be ashamed to fail, it will make you stronger, and continue to help you grow as a person. Take the confidence you have on the basketball court and apply it to everything in your life. Be compassionate to others as well as yourself, dream big, travel, work hard, love, never be afraid to ask for help, and remember we will always be here for you. We are proud of you, we love you, and we look forward to seeing where your journey takes you!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Robin, Allen & Sarah

### Dear Jacob,

Trying to write this sounded so easy when I was first asked to, then I tried to pick from all the great memories I've ever done with you or watched with pride. I found it was very hard, so I thought I would share a few things that I am very proud of.

Alot of people might not know about you. First, it's your kind heart. Underneath the muscled athlete is someone who is caring and thoughtful. This is the start of everything that follows. Second, it is your willingness to defend others that can't defend themselves, without thought of consequence to yourself. Third is your work ethic. You had goals set for this year and you have been putting the work in for two years to reach them. And the last is your ability to stay positive. You have been through a lot for such a young man, but yet you never complain or make excuses. These are just a few things that go into the wonderful young man that you are. I can't wait to see your next triumph and you'll always be my fishing buddy.  
 Love, Dad!!!

### Dear Jacob,

When I met you about 5 years ago after a great baseball game, you were a little baseball star and first fan! I will never forget the day you accepted me as your dad's significant other on your 13th birthday and how much fun we had. At the end of the day you called me your buddy! That was one of the sweetest words I have ever heard and felt deep down into my heart. Since then, I will be your for ever and always buddy!!! Thank you for being such a great son, buddy and brother!!!  
 I Love you,  
 Maria

### Dear Jacob,

Thank you for teaching me how to take selfies!  
 Markella

### Dear Jacob,

Hi!!!  
 Viktor

### Mallory Woltering



*Dear Mallory,*  
 I can't believe you only have a couple weeks of school left. Where have the years gone? It seems like you grew and changed overnight. We are so proud of the person you have become. Your life is about to change in a big way. All you have to do is set your mind to do whatever you want and you can do it. No matter how old you get, you will always be our (BOO).  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad  
 Casey, Logan, and Conner

