



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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

### David Amos

*Dear David,*  
 Pretty soon you'll be graduating from high school, and we would like to tell you how pleased and happy you have made us over these years. Your numerous accomplishments like: Math Bowl team, State Robotics, rank of Eagle Scout/palms, super grades, come back and win in wrestling, just to name a few, have been awesome to watch. What has made us the proudest of you though is watching you being a wonderful big brother to Steven. Thank you for all you do and best of luck in the future.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



### Bergen Dalton

*Bergen,*  
 Watching you grow up and become the wise, caring, beautiful and spirited young woman you are has been one of life's greatest joys. Your selfless pursuit rescuing animals has always been a part of you and we couldn't be more proud that you will be continuing on that journey. We can only hope that we've taught you as many lessons as you have taught us. Our love and admiration grows more for you every day. As you go out on your own, we hope you look back on these past years and a smile comes to your face as it does ours. Remember to laugh, be humble and gracious and know we are your biggest fans and that we are always here for you. We love you, unconditionally, forever and always. Home is just a short car ride away.  
 All our love,  
 Your Mamas



### Lauren Imhoff

*Dear Lauren,*  
 It's hard to believe you're already done with High School! We are so very proud of you, and everything you have accomplished. You have had some challenges in your life, but you have faced them with courage and determination. We have enjoyed watching you in all the many activities you have participated in throughout the years. From the time you were a little girl you had one setting - GO!GO!GO! We look forward to what God has in store for your life as you go out into the world, he has blessed you with so many wonderful abilities. We love you and will always be here for you!  
 Much Love,  
 Mom & Dad



### Justin Moeller

*Dear Justin,*  
 Congratulations on your graduation! We love you!! It has been such a joy watching you participate in many activities. You are one of those people who are good at anything you set your mind to do. You are caring and a great role model. When you would sing I could see from your expression it was coming from your heart and you meant every word you were singing. When you played baseball your concentration and positive attitude every time you came up to the plate were exciting to watch. In track you set goals and ran hard right to the finish line. Now it is time to finish this part of your life and move to the next. This is the beginning of a bright future for you! We are very proud of your accomplishments and the exemplary person you are!  
 "Be Humble, Be Just, Be Meek, Be True, Be Patient, Be Grateful, Be Merciful, Be Diligent, Be Loving, Be Thrifty, Be Generous, Be Temperate."  
 - William Penn - 1699  
 God Bless You!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Jacob, Luke, and Emily



### Addison Sproue

*Dear Addison,*  
 It seems like yesterday that we brought you home from the hospital in Pontiac to join our family. You and Raigan quickly became partners in crime. Now we are preparing for you to graduate and head off to Iowa State. Where has the time gone? The past 18 years have flown by and it has been a blessing watching you mature into a beautiful, vibrant, young woman. You have given us so much joy watching you participate in your many activities and you have accomplished so much. Keep aiming for the stars. From the beginning you have always pushed to be the best you could be. It didn't matter if you were working your lams in heat, shooting in the gym at 11 pm or studying for a test, you have given your all. That drive will open many doors in your future.  
 Thank you for being true to yourself and being a role model for all. You have proven that with strong faith and morals, nothing can stop you! Congratulations on your graduation. Good luck at Iowa State and keep reaching for the stars! Remember you will always have a place at home!  
 A few words of wisdom:  
 "All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."  
 -Walt Disney



### Tristan Sypherd

*Dear Tristan,*  
 It seems like just yesterday you were heading off to pre-school and now you are graduating from high school. We can't believe how fast the time has gone.  
 We will cherish the memories made watching you play football and baseball, working on your trucks, and growing into the young man you are today.  
 Keep working hard and doing your own thing. Don't be afraid to chase your dreams and whatever it is that makes you happy in life.  
 We are proud of you!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Cecil



### Trey Carlson

*Trey,*  
 One minute you were watching Mulan, singing "Let's get down to business," doing super cool karate kicks and now you are ready to join the real world, as a man. I would probably hold off on the karate kicks and singing, but you do you. I mean you were pretty stellar in Eagle Rock. I am proud to be your Mom. I am also proud of your grown up decision to learn a trade and joining the workforce right after high school. It's not the traditional route, however I bet it will be an exciting and adventurous one! The road to success will not be easy but I have faith that you will make it to your pot of gold one day. You have a kind soul and a joy for helping people. I see that sparkle in your eye when you are helping someone live their best life. I am forever blessed that you are my son. Happy Graduation! See you at Bonaroo....Just kidding!  
 Love,  
 Your Mom



### Brianna Duwa

*Brianna,*  
 It's been a great pleasure and honor to watch you grow from a small child to a young woman. You have provided us with priceless memories and experiences that can never be replaced. Through all the challenges from toddler to teenager you have taken them in stride and always come out stronger on the other side. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished with school, extracurricular activities, friends, and family and the young adult you have become. We have no doubt that you will continue to be successful in all that you do and will handle any future adversity that comes your way with the same courage and thoughtfulness you have exhibited thus far. Good luck with all that comes your way!  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom and Brady  
 Axl and Bella too!



### Carly Jaeger

*Carly Amber,*  
 I still cannot believe my little girl is graduating high school, not because we didn't think you would pass (hehe), but because time has gone so fast! You have been through a lot in your 18 years! In all that you have endured, we are so impressed with how responsible, strong and intelligent you have remained and become! We will remain beside you on your future journey. We are so proud of the amazing young lady you are! Always be YOU!  
 We love you!  
 Mom & Craig



### Jillian Schulte

*Dear Jillian,*  
 As you get ready to graduate we want you to know how very proud of you we are for the million little things that make you unique, but most of all for your huge heart that guides everything that you do. Your tough exterior has led you through being the middle child and the peace keeper in our family and has helped shape you into a great leader. Your adventurous spirit has led you to try new things and has gotten you (literally) lost a time or two, but you have grown with every new adventure. Your hard work and willingness to help others makes us so proud and has made you into the amazing young lady that you have become. Your humor and light hearted sarcasms can bring a smile to our face when we need it the most. Your ability to juggle school, sports, work, extra-curricular activities and still find time to volunteer or tutor younger kids is inspiring to us and we know that you have learned something from every experience you have had. Most importantly, your quiet kindness has never gone unnoticed by us and it is what set you apart in our hearts.  
 Our wish for you is to follow your heart and make your dreams come true no matter what challenges you may face. You can achieve anything that you set your heart and mind to and we will be here to support you through it all. You have the opportunity to be anything that you wish, and as you take that journey just remember to always be yourself. We have always been your biggest fans and we cannot wait to cheer you on with every new chapter that you have waiting for you. We love you and are very proud of you!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Abby & Jaime



### Francesca Johnson

*Dear Frankie,*  
 The saying time flies when you're having fun certainly applies to the last 18 years! We have had so much fun watching you grow from the little girl who always had a plan to the confident young lady who still has a plan. We are so proud of the amazing person you have become.  
 As you go into the world work hard and have fun. Remember you always have a choice. Most importantly do what makes you happy.  
 Next year we will miss you like crazy, but we are so excited to watch you grow. Never forget your roots, your manners and the road home. We are and always will be your biggest fans.  
 Love always,  
 Mom, Dad, Maddy and Max



### Branden Hyman

*Branden,*  
 Since the day you were born you have kept impressing us. Starting with your struggles in the hospital, you have consistently surprised us. No matter how challenging, we have watched you conquer every bump in the road with grace and bravery. This along with the overwhelming kindness, generosity, and dedication you have displayed are just a few reasons that we are so proud to be your parents. It's hard to believe you are graduating. You have grown into a confident and impressive young man, and we have enjoyed our time we have spent together watching sports, going to football games, and a lot of golfing. We look forward to the next several years as we watch you graduate and start the next chapter in your life. No matter what life has in store for you, we are excited to watch you continue to excel and succeed.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Matthew, and Cortney



### Preston McDonald

*Preston Andrew,*  
 It has been great watching you grow up these past 18 years. You have made some great accomplishments. We have enjoyed watching you play baseball and basketball over the past years and those have come to an end. Now you have started new hobbies that we are looking forward to watching you race or derby. Keep working towards your dreams. As you enter the workforce, just remember that all your hard work will pay off at some point.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



### June Daing

*June Welt Daing,*  
 I have known you as long as I have known your Mom talking on the computer from here to the Philippines. I watched your progression there in the International Schools and was very proud of you being one of the top of your class. You were always involved in dance as well as other activities.  
 I will never forget the first time I got to see you and your Mom in person as I walked down the ramp and saw you looking up for me and tossing you the Hawkeye cap. There was no problem recognizing you. The sights we saw together were amazing, but the time was too short. Then the time until you two got here seemed like eternity.  
 I was worried when you started school wondering how well you would be accepted, although I tried to get you into organizations where you could meet the kids your age. Much to my surprise, you fit right in as if you were born and raised here.  
 I have seen you not only grow in Keota, but in neighboring towns and all over the state through the 4-H, Eagle Rocks, CYM, and all. What progress you have made as an individual.  
 Your Mom and I are very proud of you and your accomplishments, and we congratulate you and wish you the very best on your future ventures.  
 Luv U,  
 Mom and Dad



### Matthew Hyman

*Matthew,*  
 We just wanted to let you know how proud and excited we are for you. From the beginning, you have always been strong and independent. It seems unreal how fast the time has gone, as we are now watching you graduate from high school. We have always enjoyed watching you learn new things and exceed our expectations. You are growing up to be an intelligent, responsible, and hardworking young man, always surprising us with the things you accomplish. We have watched you succeed in 4H and FFA, pursuing the things you are truly passionate about. You seem to enjoy everything you do, whether on your own or with your friends. We are looking forward to watching you graduate and start the next phase of your life. I know you will make us proud and achieve anything you set your mind to. Just remember that no matter where your path leads you, we will always be cheering you on.  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom, Branden, and Cortney



### Jolee Walker

*Dear Jolee,*  
 I can still see you in your denim skirt, pink shirt and pigtails on the first day of preschool, then in your cap and gown on preschool graduation day, the song "Let Them Be Little" playing in the background. "Miss Dawn" gave you the nickname we still call you today - "Jolee Bean." In a few short weeks, we'll be watching you through teary eyes again wearing a cap and gown. Wow, time has flown by! Soon you'll be off to spread your wings discovering new people, places and adventures. Life moves fast, so appreciate every minute. Enjoy these moments and cherish the memories you've made with classmates, teachers and coaches. Appreciate how each one has helped you in your journey.  
 We'll miss watching you give your all in academics, sports, dance, Eagle Rock - too many to mention, but look forward to supporting you in your new endeavors. We've watched you work so hard to reach your goals and know you are ready to take on the next chapter in your life.  
 Remember these 10 little 2 letter words - "If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me." Keep God in your heart and in your life-he will show you the way. Remember that Dad and I will always be here for you. No matter how old you get, you will always be our little blue-eyed, feisty, sweet, stubborn, caring "sarge in charge" little girl. We're so proud to have you as our daughter.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



### Kolton Strand

*Kolton,*  
 You will be graduating in a few days. How on earth is that possible? It seems like just yesterday I was sending you off to pre-school. I can't believe the time has come to watch you walk across the stage to be handed your high school diploma. You have worked so hard to get to this point and I'm so proud of you! One of my biggest joys in life has been getting to see you grow from a little boy to the confident kind man. I know you're going to do great things and the amazing man we've started to see is only a glimpse of what's to come. I love you more than you will ever know! You were the first piece to my puzzle. I know your future holds great things and I feel privileged to claim a front row seat in watching it unfold. Don't forget that no matter what I'm always here for you and I will always have your back. Best of luck in your future!  
 Love,  
 Mom



### Austin Waterhouse

*Dear Austin,*  
 It feels like just yesterday we brought you home on Christmas Eve, how can it possibly be 18 years later? Look at what you have accomplished in those 18 years! Seeing you reach one of your biggest goals of playing college baseball is exciting! But the person you have become is what we are most proud of. You have compassion, integrity, empathy, respect for others, a good sense of humor and a great big kind heart!  
 Each day is getting closer to the day you will leave for college and start the next chapter of your life. As parents, it is a bittersweet moment. Of course we are excited for you and we know you will love college, but on the other hand it breaks our hearts to have to let you go. (Thank goodness you will only be 45 minutes away.) We hope you continue to grow as a person and challenge yourself to do new things. Join clubs, make lots of friends, be safe, make good choices, study hard (remember to set your alarm) and know that college will be some of the most enjoyable years of your life!  
 You have just begun Austin, we are so excited to see what you have in store for the world! Remember, graduation is not the end, it's the beginning!  
 Love you!  
 Mom & Dad

