UC Candids
Michael Hopkins-DeSantis

Dear Michael,

You are an amazing son and you are about to embark on an even more amazing life. You have never failed to surprise us with your sensitivity, your intelligence, your quest for knowledge, and your compassion for life. We can't wait to see what happens next.

We love you, Mom and Dad.

Brendan A. Howseman

There has only ever been one BMan. You of the generous heart, passionate and curious mind, pointed opinion, and voluminous memory - we salute you. It has been the best part of our lives to walk with you as you've grown into the man you have become.

Remember to trust yourself and the better angels of your nature; practice patience, especially with yourself; look for the good in all you may encounter; and never give up, never surrender! Be wary of all felines. Befriend pugs.

~ With love and pride,
Mom and Dad
Daniel A Marad

Dan-
We are proud of you and can’t wait to see what your future holds! We’re looking forward to watching you continue to grow and find your success doing what you love. Never stop learning or being positive. Continue to be yourself no matter what, you are an amazing man! We love you.
Dad and Mom

Jim Stanley

We wanted to let you know how proud we are of you. We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.
Love, Dad & Mom

"I have come to accept the feeling of not knowing where I am going it is only when we are suspended in mid-air with no landing in sight, that we force our wings to unravel & begin our flight & as we fly, we still may not know where we are going to, the miracle is in unfolding our wings. You may not know where you are, but you know that so spread your wings the wind will carry you!"

John Lewis Wieczorek

Johnny,
We are so proud of you and love you. You are a wonderful young adult, scholar, and four year varsity swimmer. Reach for your dreams and believe in yourself. Congrats on your degree.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Julia.

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John Ryan

From the moment we first held you in our arms, we knew you were special. Now so many years later we stand in awe before the extraordinary man you have become.
You are amazingly smart and enjoyably witty. Your compassion and generosity are a testament to your greatness. We are proud beyond words. You are our son and we will forever love you.
"Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."

St. Francis de Sales
Catherine Icobst

Katie
Congrats on a wildly successful college career. As our trailblazer you continue to amaze us with your love of life.
Ciao bella!

Thea Dougherty

Congratulations Thea!
These four years have flown by. Remember all the good times at Ursinus, the friendships you made and the classes taken. We are so proud of your accomplishments. Grandma is watching and smiling proudly. You've managed to do it all. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Gavin, and Grandma

Rebecca Rimkunas

Rebecca,
Congratulations on graduating from Ursinus! We're so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and family

David DeWitt

David,
We are tremendously proud and happy to have you in our family, Dave. Congratulations on your graduation from Ursinus College, and for you numerous academic, sports, and personal achievements. You have overcome hurdles with finesse and courage, and retained your song in your heart. With great love and affection, Dad, Mom, Perry and Mary Lee wish you good health and success in every area of your life.
What a joy it has been watching you develop your wings to fly and soar, wow! The wisdom you have gained, the academic excellence you have maintained, the places you have traveled, and the life-long friends you’ve made are treasures that will remain. We are so proud of the woman you have become. As you continue to soar, may God continue to do exceedingly, abundantly more than you can ask or think.
There is a whole world out there
Remembering Rachel Blunt

Chell was incredibly witty and talented in an understated kind of way. Xe sometimes worried that most people saw hir as little more than a ‘cute girl,’ which is the last phrase I would use to describe this vibrant and complicated person. All I really know is that I fell instantly in love with hir when we met, but not in the way you might assume. We bonded instantly and for some reason the universe kept throwing us together until, finally, we were friends who watched bad TV and ate way too many cookies together late at night. Xe was like my family, my friend and something indescribable all at the same time.

"It seems so strange at a time like this to say that I feel lucky, but I do. I cannot express just how lucky I feel to have had Rachel in my life."

"From the start, hir intense curiosity showed through bright as day. Xe sat front and center in class, eager to add hir thoughts to discussion, and just as eager to listen to others. Chell was not only creative and sharp, but xe was kind. Xe was supportive and generous, with other students, and with me as hir instructor.

"Who was [xe]? [Xe] was known on campus as Chell. Professor remarked that [xe] was friendly, quietly reflective, deeply interested in art and in learning. Chell was a vibrant presence, one of our most creative students. [Xe] was a visual and performing artist whose work was original, thoughtful and imaginative."

"Who was [xe]? Chell loved deeply, but [xe] could not always believe that others were better for [hir] love. [Xe] was deeply beloved by others, but in [hir] darkness [xe] could not always be warmed by their love. In [hir] depression, [xe] felt trapped like the mime in the invisible box, unable to feel happiness, hope, love or kindness, even when surrounded by it. And yet, I’ve been told by Chell’s parents and friends that Ursinus was also the place of some of [hir] happiest times, when [xe] and [hir] friends were able to break through the invisible box so that despite [hir] struggles, [xe] did intermittently feel hope, and friendship, and sunlight on [hir] skin, and joy."

"One of the things I admired most about hir was the way xe passionately and respectfully advocated for hir point of view. Xe was open, caring and friendly to hir fellow classmates, even in the midst of disagreements, and, we’ll be missing hir voice in our discussions."

"Rachel was a true artist. [Xe] was always drawing, performing, creating in some way. [Xe] was outspoken and original. [Xe] made a lasting impression."

"Rachel was creative, witty, quirky and sarcastically charming in a way that made it impossible not to feel a great deal of affection for [hir]. I’ll always remember [hir] for [hir] creativity, [hir] artistic talent, [hir] loyalty to [hir] friends and how much they cared for [hir], and [hir] kindness."

"[Chell] was a deep thinker and a beautiful writer who measured the value of ideas against [hir] own carefully considered conscience."

"Rachel had warmth in [hir] presence, a genuine sweetness that came through in [hir] performances. That is what I will remember."

Hello Goodbye, Twas nice to know you
How I find myself without you
That I'll never know

-Honeybee, Steam Powered Giraffe

In loving memory of
Rachel "Chell" Blunt
1992-2013
Hi Johnny,

We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We watched you grow from a curious little boy to an intelligent young man ready to take on the world. Your dedication, diligence and drive to attain your goals has been unstoppable. We know that anything you put your mind to you will succeed. Your journey is now beginning and we know you will make a difference in whatever you do. Congratulations! We love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sam, Ryan and Kevin
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