

2015 Senior Class Litany of Thanks

Members of the graduating class would like to give thanks for the people and life experiences which brought us to this day. We've strung these statements together into one litany of thanks. It goes like this:

1. Thank you mom, for answering every crying phone call, for being there when my car gets towed three times in a month, and for sending surprise Harry Potter t-shirts in the mail during fourth week. You don't know how much your support and love meant to me.

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2. "Before Cornell, I had never met such efficient, successful, procrastinators. Thank you for showing me a balance between being a hard worker and easy going. "

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1. For friends who became sisters, teammates who kept me going, profs who pushed me to be the best I can be, my sisters for the late night phone calls, my boyfriend who loved me even when I was losing my mind during 4th weeks, for my parents who gave me love and this opportunity, and for God blessing my life with these people.

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2. For my parents who have supported me more than any pair of crutches i've ever had to use."

For theatre professors who never assumed I was weak; for campus safety officers past and present; my families biological, theatrical, and those soon to be: I could not still climb the hilltop without all of you.

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1. I came for the OCAAT. I stayed for: the late night Perkins runs; the random adventures to find mini corn dogs; the staying up until 4 a.m. talking about life; writing a 10 page paper the night before it's due because I was going to watch –just one more episode, I swear. What an incredible sense of home and family my friends and everyone else here have given me.

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2. To my parents, who guided me and supported me in every big decision. To my brother David, who set an example of hard work and responsibility that I *sometimes* try to follow.

"To the Belize BMB/BIO 485 class, we checked stuff off our bucket lists: BOO-YAH-KAH [this is most effective if it is yelled in an enthusatic voice!]"

"To Lyle Lichty for making physics fun...and for your voice."

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- 1."You have filled these last four years with unforgettable memories of humor, cuteness, coy glances and rabies shots. #cornellsquirrels"

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2. For lifelong sisters of Beta Psi Eta, friends that became family, and my significant other who kept me sane throughout it all. Thank you for being a part of my journey through what we call life. I now know I can accomplish anything.

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1. For Tim Messik who emailed us when the internet was down, thus giving us unexpected extensions on many important projects.

For Professor Freeman, who taught me the difference between moving towards and running from.

For my family, boyfriend, and sisters who have supported me through this incredible journey. And a special thanks for the Biology department and my classmates - I will never forget the late night study sessions and five hour long tests.

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2. For my long lost brother for taking care of mom, effectively becoming an only child.

For everyone I've had the chance to travel with this year. You made each experience unique and will always have a special connection to my heart.

For friends, family, and those who have helped me find myself, and for God who has guided my heart. I thank you, and I love you.

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1. Gracias a todos los padres y familiares que lucharon por sacarnos adelante--estamos aqui hoy por sus esfuerzos, sus sacrificios, y su apoyo.

For every person I've known these last four years: Thanks for helping me become a person I love being, and thank you especially to those who've given me buttlods of free food.

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2. I want to thank my parents, Noel and Melissa Martinson, for being a fantastic ATM. Brother Peter for being my mechanic. Friends, especially those on 2 am Perkins runs. For Ruby and Mari, the two best and craziest boxers for pet therapy time. And for Professor Andy McCollum the Bossman who patiently tolerated my drama, and who taught me how special turtles are.

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1. For my parents and grandmother for guiding me through my greatest life adventure. For my college friends who got me into the swing of american culture, and taught me classics like the chicken dance, hot hot hot cheese, and the privileges of yelling "shotgun!"

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2. Sisters of Beta Psi Eta: Thank you for giving me a purpose and a fire to create change on this campus. Also to my savior Jesus Christ, my momma, daddy and family, BACO, Tepper, John Harp and Mr. Ken, thank you for the continual pushes toward my success; I owe it to you all!

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1. For professors who pushed me to learn more, friends who kept me sane, and my family's unending support.

For all the wonderful women in my life - my sister, mom, grandmas, aunts, friends, my Phi-Lamb sisters, and partner. You have taught me that I don't need to apologize, that I can do what I want, and that I don't need to be defined by my gender.

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2. "Dad, I would not be here today if not for your love, support, and most importantly, your unfailing faith. From your sidekick, I love and thank you immensely."

1. "To my boys who spent four years getting dip spit in their face while listening to: 'STEP OUTTA THE BAGS'...you made college an amazing experience and I know we will all 'FIND A WAY' in all life's battles!"

2. Thank you family for supporting me; friends who always made me laugh, teammates who made these years memorable, and professors and coaches who got me through. Phi omegas: You made the last four years unforgettable...even though we may have forgotten a little along the way. *wink wink*.

1. Mama bear and Big Kahuna: Thank you for support during my time here, and Phi Omega for supplying endless amounts of "refreshments" and friendship.

Thanks mom and dad for believing in me, Delphi sisters for keeping me sane, and roommates for help me procrastinating (yay tacos!)...Also to Tepper and Barbara for making me love Biology and cry at the same time.

2. Amma and Appa: Thank you for loving me enough to send me across the Atlantic Ocean for college, and for pursuing a major you have never heard about.

Tenth Ave: Thank you for the good times and vibes.

1. Family: Thank you for listening to me vent and being there to motivate me these last four years.

Professors: Thank you for the long nights, long assignments, and lessons about life.

Delphi sisters: Thank you for letting me laugh, cry, and procrastinate with you and for all the nights I won't forget <3

2. Delphi sisters: Thank you for the love and shenanigans. Professors: Thank you for love and the torture of papers, genetics and senior sem. Parents: Thank you for believing in me and agreeing to foot the bill.

1. To Renata, Kylie, and Shane (pronounced shawn-ay), my basketball buddies: You made the bench way more exciting than whatever was happening on the court.

2. To the crazy theatre makers, quirky artists, and stellar professors who have inspired me to continue to create, and to the close friends who push me to actually get those things done.

1. Thank you family and friends for supporting (and tolerating) my shooting for the moon...And to my monster friend and my sloth friend for catching me when I miss. My ambition was often greater than time constraints; I couldn't have achieved this much without you having my back.

2. Thank you to my parents for not crying when I told them my major. Also to my friends for always remembering that as a boy, I had a dog named Bill.

Thank you to my family for their constant support, and for all my friends here who made this place feel like home, bringing me back year after year.

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1. To the Academic Technology Studio. To Marco Renzi & Goat Roadio for trying their darnedest to get me in shape. To Slick Shoes, one of the best communities I have had the pleasure of being a part of. And for friends and family who I clearly do not pay enough to keep me around."

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2. "Thank you SKYs for being the brothers I never had; Delphis for being the sisters I always needed; roommates for being a welcomed distraction; and my professors for calling me out on my laziness. Finally, I would like to thank my family and James Thompson for putting up my nonsense and always being there to keep me going."

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1. Mom and dad, you got me through college in every way possible; you have all of my love, and then some.

Class of '15: thanks for the laughs, the regrets, the study buddies, the parties, the pretty cool nickname, and most of all the friends I'll cherish forever. Stay metal.

Steven, you played a prominent role instilling in me the Liberal Arts bug. Rhawn, I can't get away with my rabbit holes; I am afraid I am just gonna make them bigger.

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2. Sometimes you need to poke your head out to see what else is out there. Thanks for this and other life lessons, Cornell.

For the friends I've, and for my family's support including student teaching.

For everyone who helps students through this experience, and to my fellow students for putting up with me.

For my teammates, sisters, and friends who became my chosen family. For my mom, dad, and sister--I couldn't have done it without you. I love you.

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1. Music and Art faculty: Thank you for pushing me to grow as a musician, artist and person. And my family, friends, and boyfriend for your support every step of the way.

Collectively, every individual connected to Cornell has made my time here full of joy, growth, laughter, and learning. Thank you all for making this my home.

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2. "To all my crazy friends I now call Cornell family, to all the incredible faculty and staff, and to all my Mains and brothers: Thank you for helping me discover myself and the potential I hold."

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1. To Norton Geology for being my second home and to Kappa Theta, my second family.

To learning I am lucky, to the love and support from Janeve, Jim, and Craig, to knowing I have a Cornell Family for the rest of my life, and to the incessant love and song of the suites of 320. Love all ways, always.

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2. Class of 2015!! Enjoy life, shoot for the stars and have fun. Choose to be happy now: Don't wait until you're successful!

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1. My dear friends, I do not claim to know much, but this much I know for sure; That I have loved and been well loved in return. I cannot thank you enough.