

## Congratulations Rach!

The day has come. It's your turn now  
To shine and show the world just how

You plan to claim a place that's yours.  
And once you've started opening doors

Your future will in layers unfold.  
Of every chance you must take hold.

Learn to bend, you need not break.  
You've weathered much and thus can take

Whatever life propels your way.  
Your strength runs deep. Suffice to say

This fact alone will keep you free.  
It's your design. "Go to your destiny."

Rachel,

Always take time to count your blessings, for they are many. We count you as one of ours. A stubborn one perhaps, but irreplaceable in our hearts. Our love for you is boundless. Our hope is that you will approach your future with fortitude and grace. Draw on your strengths, they are within you always. And be humble enough to learn from the painful times, for that is how we grow. Be mindful of others as you keep that determination high and your need to criticize low. And remember how very much you are loved. Congratulations. We are very proud of you.

Love,  
Mama and Daddy  
(and Kim, "with us always")



Rachel,

It's been our last year in school together, and though it pains me to say it, I will miss you after this year. Good luck in your future with animals.

Love, Zack