



Jeffrey, The years have gone by faster than we ever imagined. We are very proud of you and we hope you will find success and happiness in whichever path you choose from here. You have one thing that no one else has. There will be hundreds of people out there with your same education level, there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person alive who has sole custody of your life. Your particular life. Your entire life. Not just your life at a desk, or in a truck, or at the computer. Not just the life in your mind, but the life of your heart. So this is what we want to tell you, get a life. A real life, not a manic pursuit of the bigger paycheck, or the larger house. Get a life in which you notice the smell of the roses, or the way a baby scowls with concentration when she tries to pick up a Cheerio with her thumb and first finger. Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. And remember that love is not leisure, it is work. Everyone wants to do well, but if you do not do good, then doing well will never be enough. It is so very easy to exist instead of live. Learn to love the journey, not the destination.

Love,
Mama, Daddy, and Ryan