

My Dear Son,

I want you to know how proud I am of you and the work you are doing in school, at home and at church. I admire your efforts to assure everyone in the family that they are loved and respected and I love you because you treat Mom with dignity and try your best to do the right thing every time.

Xxxxx, you are a young man who is dedicated to learning about the world, who will know much more about many subjects than most know about one. I see a leader who is not afraid to compete for a job or office; a wise young man who can keep countenance with himself and others.

I encourage you to continue to do well in school, to keep organizational focus on the job at hand and ahead. I encourage you to keep your eye on the prize of doing the best you can while competing with others.

As a young man, I didn't always have someone rooting for me. Be assured that I am rooting for you and I will always be there to support you as well as your brother; available to offer counsel, to help lighten the load for you and to offer the best advice based upon years of experience.

While I do not press for accomplishment, I do have high expectations for you. You have to create your own goals and milestones and I hope that you will share them with Mom and I. Both Mom and I are here to help you to reason, create a pathway, and guide you to making the best life choices possible.

I envision you as a successful and competent leader. I see your ability to persevere when there are obstacles to overcome. I can imagine you as counselor, offering sound advice and preparing thorough reports for your superiors. I can easily predict that in mid-career you will attend Graduate School in an academic discipline and ultimately attend career enhancing seminars where your grasp of strategic implications of situations will get you noticed for a meaningful leadership position. Perhaps going on to garner a PhD in History or strategy. Finally I see you as offering your knowledge to others, as a true leader of integrity or perhaps teaching at a university or at a major think-tank that offers strategic options to our nation's leadership.

Mom and I have dreams for you, but ultimately you must choose your path. Do not choose it alone. Choose your path with support of those around you whom you trust to offer the best advice. Learn what your options are and have a clear understanding of all the possibilities and the ultimate greatness that await you.

Most of all, know that I will always encourage and support you to be your best!
With love,