

Sample Graduation Speech for Both Parents

Good evening and thank you for coming to my party.

There are two people in my life that I intend to make my entire speech about – it's my awesome parents.

Mom and Dad, I didn't originally see much use in a graduation party, but then, I realized it would be a perfect opportunity to express my love and appreciation for you both. I wanted to talk about everything you've done for me, all the way from middle school to beyond.

I am truly grateful for everything you've both done for me: all of those school lunches, all of the cold nights that you braved to come to my games, and all of that help you both gave me with my school work.

To say that all of my years of high school were improved because of your support is an understatement. All throughout high school, you two have been the force that pushed me toward studying for the SATs and other important school tests; you did this when other forces were pointing me elsewhere.

Mom, Dad, I know that I don't say thank you as much as I should, and I often refuse hugs when you want to give me one; however, I hope you know that I will always love you both with all of my heart. Thank you.

Sample Graduation Speeches for Single Parents

Good evening to you all. This is a wonderful day for me, and I feel very proud to be here with each and every one of you. Thank you for honoring this simple party, and I hope you have a great time.

I first wrote out a speech to thank my parents about three weeks ago, but I kept on rewriting it. It wasn't because the script was too long or boring; it's that I kept remembering all of the good things that my dad has done for me during my high school years.

Every time I got to the end of a complete speech, some new memory would come up, such as when he had to cancel two major work meetings to take care of me or when he changed jobs so that I could continue studying with my friends in this town.

Those are just some of the smaller things.

I decided to make this speech entirely about my Dad because he is all I have, and he has made me the happiest, luckiest high-school graduate today.

I've had to make so many choices during my years in high school, and my Dad never once failed to pitch in or offer his advice.

Thank you very much, Dad, for making my high school years not only bearable but awesome too!

On my first day of college at UC Davis about four years ago, I decided that it wasn't realistic to spend so much money on college, especially when we didn't have enough of it. I nearly went to the Dean to quit.

I didn't want to be that guy who would spend 10+ years paying back my student loans after graduating from college. I knew that my mom would understand because we always listen to each other's points of view.

However, when I told her the whole story, she listened for a while and told me to go back to school. She told me that everything would be okay. We couldn't determine the future, she said, whether I'd suffer with student loans or be lucky enough to pay them back quickly.

She made me understand the importance of getting a college education. When I heard my name called out today by the Dean to say that I earned a bachelor's degree, I turned around to see that she was there, as she always is.

It dawned on me that she pushed me to find gold, even when I didn't see that it was there. I consider myself very lucky to have you as a mother, Mom.

Thank you for everything you've done for me for the last four years. I couldn't have done any of it without you.