Rush Medical College
Class of 2014

The Pulse
To the Rush Medical College Class of 2014:

Congratulations! Upon your graduation from Medical School, you have achieved a major milestone in the arc of your professional career. There are many more to come. It is a distinct honor to be asked to write this letter of congratulations, but I am not the person to discourse on what will come next – the pitfalls and satisfactions, joys, disappointments and undoubted successes that lay in your futures. Those are the purviews of the physicians who are usually the ones who are granted the privilege of composing this letter.

I speak to you as teacher and a basic scientist – one of those who deal in the discovery of new truths that further illumine our understanding of health and disease. But we can take our carefully controlled experiments only so far – it is left to you, the practitioners of the Arts, to apply those findings in carefully measured portions for the benefit of your patients. While the scientist can predict with reasonable certainty that, under specified conditions, A + B will always react in a test tube to produce C + D, each of your patients comes to you as a unique human being who merits individualized care and treatment – the very antithesis of the controlled environment of the scientist.

So how does the discovery of the new gene in the fruit fly, the new monoclonal receptor antagonist, the new microsurgical procedure, get transformed into beneficial, cost-effective, accepted medical practice? You have learned well your basic medical sciences; you have shown your willingness to work tirelessly on behalf of the patients who come under your care; you have volunteered in extraordinary numbers to further your skills and bring a healing touch to those in need. You will carry Medicine into its future. You will, I am certain, exercise the greatest caution in the introduction of new paradigms in the treatment of your patients, always keeping in mind that Medicine is not just a science, but also an Art. You will teach these lessons to the next generations of physicians.

You will be the future.

You will make us proud.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Lint, Ph.D.
Professor
Rush Medical College was founded by Dr. Daniel Brainard, just two days before the city of Chicago was incorporated. Rush Medical College was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, the only physician to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Rush officially opened its doors beginning with a class of 22 students. This was the first institution of higher learning chartered in Illinois and one of the first medical schools to open west of the Appalachian mountain range.

Rush becomes Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital and begins using a logo inspired by the early religious symbols of an anchor and a cross. This logo was intended to convey a message of faith and hope for those at sea and began being used in the first century. It was modified in 1969 to look as it does today to remind medical students and physicians of the values and mission of the institution.

The Medical Center officially changed its name to reflect the important role education and research play in its patient care mission.
Rush officially launches a 10-year project to build new facilities which includes a 14-floor, $575 million, 806,000-square-foot new hospital that will utilize the most advanced technology available. The goal was to create the optimal environment for providing the highest quality of care. That’s why the planning was driven by nurses and doctors, instead of architects, with vital input from patients.

The new Orthopedic Building is the first health-care facility in Chicago to achieve Gold LEED Certification for its environmentally friendly features. This 220,000-square-foot building is home to Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, as well as other clinical services.

A month prior to the official opening, the Chicago community was invited to preview the Tower. Visitors took a one-hour tour of the new hospital, including the new state-of-the-art emergency center, the interventional platform and one of the butterfly-shaped patient care floors.

After more than seven years of planning and three years of construction, Rush University Medical Center successfully moved approximately 200 patients into the Tower. Rush’s new, 14-story, state-of-the-art hospital building, located at Ashland Avenue and the Eisenhower Expressway.
2011

The world's worst flood in recorded human history hits Pakistan. Over 1,600 are killed and more than one million are displaced by the floods.

A 9.1-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami hit the east coast of Japan, killing 15,840 and leaving another 3,926 missing.

Many women's hearts break as an estimated two billion people watch the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

After 25 successful years, the Oprah Winfrey Show finale airs. It was preceded by a two-part farewell special recorded at the United Center.

WikiLeaks releases 92,000 documents related to the war in Afghanistan which detail individual incidents including friendly fire and civilian casualties.

Bedbugs invade five star hotels. The outbreak caused the first-ever bedbug summit in Chicago, where experts convened to discuss the invasion.

U.S. President Barack Obama announces that Osama bin Laden, the founder and leader of the militant group Al-Qaeda, has been killed during an American military operation in Pakistan.
2012

Occupy Wall Street protests begin in the United States to address the growing income inequality and wealth distribution in the U.S.

Steve Jobs, the visionary in the black turtleneck, dies of pancreatic cancer but his brilliance, passion, and energy live on in every Apple product.

Mass hysteria grips the world as the Mayan calendar reaches the end of its current cycle, predicting the end of the world to transpire on December 21st, 2012.

Jeremy Lin, a graduate of Harvard University, becomes the first Taiwanese-American to play for the NBA.

The world's first synthetic windpipe transplant is achieved, using an artificial windpipe coated with stem cells.

December 15, 2011 - The United States formally declares an end to the Iraq War.

Whitney Houston is found dead in her suite at the Beverly Hilton Hotel just a day before the 2012 Grammy Awards.

NASA's prolific planet-hunting Kepler spacecraft hits the jackpot again, discovering 11 new planetary systems with 26 confirmed alien planets among them.

2013

December 5, 2013: Nelson Mandela, an anti-apartheid prisoner for 27 years who eventually became the first black president of South Africa, dies at 95.

Bombs explode near the finish line at the world's oldest and most prestigious marathon in Boston.

7.0 magnitude earthquake hits Lushan County of Sichuan Province in China, killing hundreds.

Category 5 tornado hits Moore, Oklahoma, killing dozens and injuring hundreds.

Syrian government uses chemical weapons on its civilians.

Paul Walker, an actor known for his role within the Fast & Furious franchise, dies in a tragic car accident.
class profile
...a little bit about us!

72 men 51%  70 women 49%  25-36 age range

Favorite Vacation Destinations:
Puerto Vallarte  Panama  Cancun  Whistler  San Diego  Hawaii  Barcelona  Colorado  The Caribbean  Europe  Mexico  Costa Rica  Bora Bora  Greece  Fiji  Paris  Honduras  Belize  Japan  Sweden  Australia  LA  Hong Kong  St. Martin  Thailand  Ireland  The Hangge-up

Languages we speak:
English  Mandarin  Spanish  Italian  Gujarti  Polish  Lithuanian  Arabic  Telugu  Hindi  Urdu  Chinese  Russian  German  Japanese  Farsi  French  Cantonese  Tagalog  Greek

Favorite Activities:
Eating  Working out  Singing  Dancing  Watching TV  Soccer  Cooking  Baking  Yoga  Running  Saving the world  Fishing  Hiking

Favorite Color:
Green  Blue  Pink  Yellow  Purple  Orange  Turquoise  Chartreuse  Periwinkle  Rush Green  Crimson  Red  Burgundy  Plum  Black  Sunshine Yellow

Preschool teacher
Worked for non-profit EMT
Microbiologist
Painter
Underwear sales
Computer Engineer
Onion Farmer
Research Specialist
Nursing Assistant
Freelance Ninja Artist
Peer advisor
Hedgefund Analyst
Chiropractor Assistant
Bicycle Sales
T shirt Quality Assurance
Immuonassay Scientist
Home Health Aide
Chemist
Professor
Mowing lawns
Nurse's aid

Careers before med school:

Where we come from:
Illinois  Wisconsin  Michigan  Washington  Florida  Indiana  California  Ohio  New Delhi, India  Missouri

Favorite TV shows:
Game of Thrones  Real Housewives of Beverly Hills  Walking dead  How I Met Your Mother  Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman  Suits  Seinfeld  Friends  Grey's Anatomy  The Middle  House of Cards  The Wire  Breaking Bad  Pretty Little Liars  The Daily Show
From childhood memories...
to grown up dreams
"It's kind of fun to do the impossible." - Walt Disney

Life is a funny unpredictable thing - Dave Chappelle

"We gotta POLO that" -- anonymous

**Hakuna matata**

If you’re stuck between two options, flip a coin. It works, not because it solves your problem, but while the coin is in the air, you’ll know what your heart is really hoping for.

Our can'ts were born to happen, our mosts have died in more

e.e. cummings

You just gotta keep on livin', man.
L-I-V-I-N.

JUST. KEEP. SWIMMING.

Curious people are interesting people, I wonder why that is. Bill Maher

When you start to take Vienna, take Vienna. - Napoleon Bonaparte

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.” - Mark Twain

“The essence of a good physician consists of a capacity for compassion and a sense of the ethical, without which qualities the sacred art of healing degenerated into simple charlatanism. And equanimity: this inner ability to take charge because of your knowledge and compassion.”

The moon is brighter since the barn burned-

Basho

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Good morning and look at the valedictorian, scared of the future while I hop in the Delorean. -K. West

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand. - Vince Lombardi
"Don't cry because it's over... smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss

"It's not about how to achieve your dreams, it's about how to lead your life. If you lead your life the right way, the karma will take care of itself. The dreams will come to you." Randy Pausch, The Last Lecture

"I decided that I would make my life my argument."
- Albert Schweitzer

"Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't" - Bill Nye

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? Why don't they just put them on postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

"Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." - JK Rowling

"Simplicity, Simplicity, Simplicity!" - Henry David Thoreau

"Give more, expect less"

"All great men are either dead or dying, and I'm not feeling too well myself"

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life." — John Lennon

You can do whatever it is you put your mind to, and you can do it in stilettos.

"I knew who I was this morning, but I've changed a few times since then." - Alice in Wonderland

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Learning is its own exceeding great reward — William Hazlitt

Pressure makes Diamonds
Our best memories...

Intramural sports
Pathophysiology lectures with Dr Koo and my B2 crew
The first day when Dr. Deustch came and welcomed us. A memory I will never ever forget

M1 year
M1 Boat Cruise

Every time I got an email saying that I passed another USMLE exam
Leaving anatomy lab during snowmageddon only to drive around Chicago for 4 hours

Flying to Pensacola, FL for a heart procurement on a private jet!

Shaving my head for St. Baldricks

Singing on the peds floors and in the Rush Recital

Dr. Lint’s lectures

A point in M3 year when I truly felt competent enough that I could actually and finally was helping someone.

Making my best friends

Hiding

MATCH DAY

Seeing a couple hold their 46 day old NICU baby for the first time

M4 year

Passing the musculoskeletal block

THE TROLLEY.

Spending time with the incredible patients!
SHELF exams

Getting caught hiding

Driving the camera in surgery

Delivering the placenta on OB-GYN

Using the pediatrics rooms as call rooms during overnight Surgery call at County

STEP 1

Second year. All of it.

M2 year finals before Step 1

Delivering the placenta on OB-GYN

CSI

Memorizing biochemistry metabolism reactions during M1 year.

Stroger cafeteria

\textsuperscript{2} months, \textsuperscript{2} weeks, \textsuperscript{2} pencils phrase has no
third year.

County medicine attendings...

Feedback cards

Being tortured and locked up in the status room during OB-Gyn.

Realizing that I lived 4 years in CCG.

Discovering that the "2 months, 2 weeks, 2 pencils" phrase has no truth to it

The 52 days of the surgery clerkship

Possibly the constant smell of formaldehyde M1 year

And our worst...
We will always remember how...
RUSH Volunteered.
RUSH Entertained.
RUSH Traveled Abroad.
RUSH Got Down To Work.
RUSH Got Ridiculous.
RUSH Loved Chicago Sports.
RUSH Ran Chicago.
RUSH Played Ball.
RUSH Loved #Groupies.
...Year After Year After Year.
...and Suited Up.
RUSH Enjoyed Chi-town.
RUSH Made Friends…
Doppelgangers
Most likely to...

Be friends forever: Jackie Tanios & Heather Volkamer
    Alex Chow & Randal Zhou

Be the next Dr. Larry Goodman: Nate Frogge

Leave medicine for Hollywood: Tara Bloom & Cory Deburghgraeve

Have a disease named after him/her & then cure cancer: Tiffany Chua

Become President: Katy March

Become Surgeon General: Lia Jordano

Lead 5 hour rounds: Trevor Pollock

Lead 5 minute rounds: Alon Bloom

Best dressed: Jackie Tanios

Best hair: Heather Volkamer & Alon Bloom’s chest

Best attendance: Kristina Quinn

Make a 7 figure paycheck: Ellen Kroin

Disappear while on call: Max Rollins

Most fun to have on a team: Jenny Chapman & Paul Winograd
Marry each other after medical school:
Azam Farooqui & Prianka Chilukuri

Best Eyes:
Tina Tarazi & Dan Luger

Most Laid Back:
Thaer Ahmad & Gaby D’Jaen

Work abroad:
Sarah Henkle & Dan Olson

Wear high heels with scrubs:
Ha Luu

Ask questions during lecture:
Colton McNichols

Best smile:
Vanessa Archil & Michael Beaucaire
Most accident-prone: Kushal Nandam

Have a reality show: Kate Rubey

Most athletic: Kelly Wepking & Andrew Federer

Cutest couple: Tina Tarazi & Auddie Sweis

Best looking: Prianka Chilukuri & Cory Deburghgraeve

Rule the world: Ben Bienia & Kelsey McEwen

Date their attending: Mary Yu

Fall asleep during lecture: Kushal Nandam & Mary Yu

Mr./Ms. Congeniality: Azam Farooqui & Toli Karas

Class clown: Freddie Ntumy

A shoulder to cry on: Sarah Kurian & Kevin Ferenchak

Rush lifers: Alex Chow & Emily Dunn

Date their med student: Joe Schwartz
Time to play...

Who’s Whose at RUSH?

How well do you know your classmates’ milestones??
Who's Whose at RUSH?

Engagements!
Match each Rush student on the left with their betrothed on the right!
Answers on next page.
1.D. Andrea Price & Adam Magee
Engaged on 12/21/13!

2.C. Dan Abbott & Kathleen Conlisk
Engaged on 2/27/14!

3.E. Emily Dunn & Zach Hill
Engaged on 12/31/13!

4.F. Lisa Kurien & Mathew Mani
Engaged on 8/11/13!

5.B. Aaron Heligman & Jessica Valente
Engaged on 1/1/13!

6.A. Aisha Sozzer & Shamoon Khan
Engaged on 12/25/13!
Weddings!
Match each Rush student on the left with their soulmate on the right!
Answers on next page.
1.C. Charlie & Kiersten Burns
June 16th, 2012

2.G. Alex Dubikovsky & Ryan Golden
April 27th, 2013

4.H. Josh & Sara Shapiro
October 6th, 2012

3.E. Sarah Debrey-LeFevre & David LeFevre
July 5th, 2013
5.B. Brian & Megan Quinn
October 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2013

6.A. Danny & Alexandra Luger
December 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2011

7.F. Nate & Joanne Frogge
August 13\textsuperscript{th}, 2011

8.D. Lydia Mandrussow-Smith & Peter Smith
July 24\textsuperscript{th}, 2011
Babies R' US--H!
Match each Rush couple with their corresponding offspring!
Answers below.

Lisa & Jon Najman

Baby Elliott Samara
(born 9/31/2013)

Marcie & Kyle Korth

Baby Carter William
(born 9/18/2012)

Answers: Marcie + Kyle = Baby Carter William, Lisa + Jon = Baby Elliott Samara
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Temple University Hosp  
PA  
Urology  
Temple University Hosp  
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We did it! I’m so proud to be a member of the RMC class of 2014!
~Laura Rogers
Rush Pediatrics, 2017

Adam – Thank you for your relentless and unwavering confidence in me. I am blessed to have you as my fiancé and I am so excited to see what the next chapter of our life holds.

Mom – You always know how to lift my spirits when they’ve fallen. Thank you for your words of encouragement when I need them most.

Dad – You always have been and always will be my hero. I hope to live up to your example. Thank you for inspiring me.

Mark – You are the most hilarious person I’ve ever met. Thank you for always knowing how to make me laugh and shake off whatever is holding me down. Sometimes that’s all it takes to turn my day around.

Emily – Your love for life is contagious. Everything is more fun when we’re together. Thank you for making sure I let loose every now and then.

Grandma & Grandpa – Thank you for helping me recognize that where I come from is just as important as where I’m going. I’m so lucky to have grandparents who are so involved and so influential in my life.

I wouldn’t be me without all of you. I love you so much. Thank you!

Andrea Price
Thank you to everyone who has supported me through this incredible journey!

Jordan Becerril
Thanks Class Of 2014!

Charlie Burns

Thank You Class of 2014

Brian Quinn
Be excellent to each other

Chris Tanner
Crystal Ann Duran

I still have no idea

what I'm doing

Danny Luger

PUSH BRIDE

RUSH UNIVERSITY
Congratulations class of 2014 - thanks for the memories!!

Debbie Leech
U Michigan Family Medicine

What A RUSH!
From grinning at receiving an awkward white blazer to yearning for a long white coat
From the green carpet at CCG to the 24th floor on Michigan Ave
From the suburbs of Chicago to Manila to Machu Picchu
From complete strangers to lifelong friendships...
Medical school has been the most trying, yet incredibly rewarding time of my life - and I am so grateful to have had such amazing friends and family to share it with. Thank you!

- Jay Estrada

Love is Medicine for This Life- Freddie “One-Time” Ntumy

Party at Freddie's?
It's about to get WEIRD.
Thank you Mom and Dad for always believing in me and for helping me believe too. To my brother and sisters for being my best friends and my greatest team. And to my friends for all the support and laughter. Love you all, Heather
Mom, you taught me the art of medicine. Dad, I strive for half your compassion. Jen, my partner in crime thanks for always making me laugh. Jonathan, you keep me silly, mate. Michael, I wouldn’t be me without your love. My wonderful friends, thanks for 4 years of incredible memories. It’s been the most beautiful journey.

All my love,
Jackie Tanios
Thank you to my family & friends who have supported me all of these years, I would have never survived without you. To my Rush family, we’ve seen each other at our best and at our worst, and I cannot say thank you enough to each and every one of you that has picked me up along the way. Congratulations and I’ll miss you all!!!
Thanks to everyone who helped get me here... you know who you are.  
Thanks to my family for your unconditional support 
Thanks to my friends for keeping me sane.  
Thanks to my classmates for an awesome trip.  
Thanks to Scott & Tucker for being my wolf pack.  

Congratulations Class of 2014!!  

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XO,  
Kelsey  

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From being born at Rush, to becoming a “little doctor”, and finally graduating Rush as a physician, I have many people to thank...  

Thanks to my dad for instilling in me a love for “the art of medicine”; thanks to my mom for teaching me true compassion; thanks to my brother for loving life and laughing with me; thanks to my classmates for pushing and pulling me forward, and to my friends for reminding me to enjoy the present moment.  

It’s been a beautiful and wonderful experience! Keep on singing and polka dancing!  

Love,  
Kristina Quinn
Thank god tastes and styles change, but some dreams never die...

To my family: thank you for all of your support through this crazy journey!

All my love...

xo Kate
“Pay attention, don’t let life go by you. Fall in love with the back of your cereal box.”

-Jerry Seinfeld

Nathan L Frogge
It sounds cliche, but success is your friends, your family, what you do, and if you're happy when you wake up.

Michael Pitt
Give me beauty in the inward soul; may the outward and the inward man be at one - Socrates

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end." - Ernest Hemingway
All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.
Thank you friends and family for all of your love and support! —Natasha Shah

In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer

- Albert Camus
Fall Ball

RFC Soccer! the Scantron toss

Bowtie Thursdays!
EBM with Dr. McNutt

Dancing to Prince with Sharon & Vanessa!!

Team maroon
Midnight Cruise
Last day of Peds
Green Team – our impromptu party with patients!!

6 exams in 2 weeks!

I will not forget the happy memories!
Sarah Kurian

Making Valentines with the Goldies

Halloween parties with Freddy!
The hole in our CCG apartment wall ;)
Social 25, M1 year

Iron Chef competitions

Napping in the library

Spencer Kirk
Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

~Langston Hughes

Sam Blank
Rush 2014 - Thanks for the memories! I will miss all of you. To my friends and family – I couldn’t have made it through these past 4 years without your love and support. For that I am forever grateful.
I have played many roles and worn many costumes in my life, but I am most proud of the privilege I have to wear a white coat and the journey over the past four years that has lead me to where I am today. Thank you to my friends and family for their unwavering support...wearing my white coat would not feel the same had you not all been there for me.

Toli Karas
Vanessa Archil

"Success is a journey, not a destination."

'ONE DOESN'T ASK OF ONE WHO SUFFERS: WHAT IS YOUR COUNTRY AND WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION? ONE MERELY SAYS, YOU SUFFER, THIS IS ENOUGH FOR ME, YOU BELONG TO ME AND I SHALL HELP YOU.'

LOUIS PASTEUR

AMRITA'S TO-DO LIST:
Get into med school
Live in a big city
Start a garden
Meet Nick Carter
Touch a beluga!
Deliver a baby
Become a family physician
Change the world
Thank you to my beautiful family, I am so lucky and blessed to have you.

Happiness is not something ready made, it comes from your own actions.

—Dalai Lama XIV

Here’s to many more wonderful times to come!

To my classmates: It has been an honor learning with and from all of you. To my family: Your sacrifices have allowed me to realize my dreams. Thank you for making this possible! —Cory Deburghgraeve
A huge thank you to my family and friends. I could not have made it through this crazy journey without you! Congrats Class of 2014!

A big THANK YOU to my family, friends, my lovely girlfriend- Maria, and my favorite sausage- TWINKIE for all your support over the last four years.
I expect to cross through this world but once.
Any good, therefore, that I can do,
or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Grotet

Keep reaching, never give up
Laurie Krass

“I faced it all,
And I stood tall,
And did it my way”
- Frank Sinatra

Ashley Millard
The Long Road Has Finally Come To A Very Happy End!!

Binn:
Thanks For Being A Big Source Of Support & Motivation...
I LOVE YOU!

Medicine Residents on a scavenger hunt...
I couldn't resist the offer for a Piggyback Ride...

Federer (My Good Brother):
Thanks For Introducing Me To Bow Ties...

A BIG THANK YOU
To all those who have made this journey a possibility!

CLASS OF 2014...
SIMPLY AMAZING...
Much Love!
Lie

Abdoulie Njie

# This is How I survived Med School...
Don't start running the “CAGE” on me!

Adrienne Stich

DePaul University

Chicago 800N 0E/W

RUSH

Emergency Hospital Parking

Chinatown
Thank you to family and friends for all your love and support! Congrats Class of 2014!

KELLY WEPKING
Kevin Ferenchak
Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.

Katy March

Class of 2014 – You Rock Hard!
- Kush
The last four years have been such a journey. The best part of it has honestly been the people I have shared it with. Thank you all so much!

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

Aria Mohtadi
Thank you for your support and for always believing in me.

- Lia Jordano
All good things must come to an end, but I wouldn't want it to end with any other people or be at any other time. This could not have been possible without you all by my side.

Mary Yu

It's FFRRIIIIDAAYY!

-Carlos Diaz
A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book. Thanks for the memories!

Andrew Federer
Thank you to my family & friends for the love and support!

Ellen Kroin

And this life is all a dream,
And my real life starts when I go to sleep.

-Kanye West

Ellen Kroin
Kathryn “Kate” Rubey

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
Eleanor Roosevelt

We are all so proud of you on making your dream come true. Looking forward to all the great things to come. We love you always.

Mom, Dad, Chris
Ted and Itty Bitty too!

Crystal “Shu” Duran,

You sure have come a long way. We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We have always admired your strength and determination.

As parents, we can only imagine what you have gone through mentally and physically to obtain your goals. We know those endless days and sleepless nights will continue throughout your career. Your determination and fight is something that we are in awe of. You set your goals at a very young age (4th grade to be exact). It wasn’t just talk. You’ve worked very, very hard to get where you’re at. We can only hope that your compassion and the light inside you will never dim.

You have logged many miles for interviews, interviews, and interviews and coming home from Chicago. You should have bought stock in Southwest Airlines. When we would pick you up from LAX we had a running bet on what you’d look like when you got off the plane (Normal Shu or tore-up Shul).

We are excited for you to continue your amazing journey.

With all our love, Mom and Dad.
Katy,
Congratulations for a job well done. You have accomplished so much. You know what you want and you go for it. Ron & I are so proud of you, and I know your Grandpa would be very proud of you also. Keep up the good work and keep following your dreams.

Love you always,
Ron & Grandma

Katy, it has always seemed to me you've tried to be the best you could be. You studied hard all through school, and you've always practiced the Golden Rule. Your feelings of compassion have always shown (probably led to being a doctor, if the truth be known!) You've always been sweet and kind to me, and you've become the person I always hoped you would be.

Love Grandma Jane and Grandpa Bill

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Love Grandma Jane and Grandpa Bill
Maxwell Oliver Rollins
Rush Class of 2014

Born in Russia, your journey began in 1993 when you came to the United States. We are very proud of where you are today and the dedication you have given! Congratulations Max, we love you!!

Mom & Dad, Harrison, Brad & Wade

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2014!

Department of General Surgery
Congratulations Class of 2014!

Department Of Dermatology
Brian K. Bonish, M.D., PhD
Lady C. Dy, M.D.
Mark D. Hoffman, M.D.
Mary C. Massa, M.D.
Sheetal Mehta, M.D.
Warren Piette, M.D.
Arthur R. Rhodes, M.D., M.P.H
Michael D. Tharp, M.D

The Department of Pediatrics Congratulates the Class of 2014!

We welcome graduates
Laura Rogers and Christina "Tina" Tarazi
....to the Rush Pediatric Residency Program!
CONGRATULATIONS!
You are officially a member of the Rush Medical College Alumni Association.

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Congratulation
Class of 2014!
Best wishes for a bright future.

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Tara Ashley Bloom M.D.

From the time you were a baby, you’ve always displayed such brilliance, determination, drive, and passion—from teaching Derek the ABCs to being an internationally competitive ice dancer to excelling all through school and obtaining your MD. Throughout your busy schedule, you’ve always been able to stay close to your family and friends and enjoy your hobbies, even starting a photography web page and running the Chicago marathon! Your sweet, loving, caring and kind nature has had a profound effect on so many people that you have touched, and will continue to throughout your career as a physician. I look forward to seeing how you will help people and continue to change the world of medicine. I’m so proud of you Tara! I love you!
Love,
Mommy
Congratulations Gabriela Andrea D’Jaen!

On behalf of all the many, many people who love you and especially the Team Gaby members:

Mommy, Papa, Peter, Miriam, Yves, Yonatan, Saba, Savta, David, Audrey, Elie, Jake, Albert, Arielle, and Alanna
Dear Jay,

When you were a child, it was incredibly hard for you to avoid saying “doctor” when your family would ask you what you wanted to be when you grew up. Your family history seems to have foretold your profession even before you were born: your great grandfather was the personal physician of the 2nd President of the Philippines, your grandfather was the head of the Department of Surgery at Philippine General Hospital, and your father currently practices internal medicine in the suburbs of Chicago. Although you may not have known what you wanted to do as an adult, “doctor” seemed like the only logical answer. It is because of this that discovering whether you truly want to become a physician has been a journey.

Your experiences as a medical student have helped you discover why you want to be a doctor. You know that you have the passion to become a physician so you can do your part to contribute to the administration and development of preventive medicine. You now know that you have started to develop the skills necessary to be a successful physician. You are motivated to have a career with which you have the privilege of serving people when they are most vulnerable. You are no longer the boy who blindly answers the question of what he wants to be when he grows up by simply answering with the profession of his forefathers. You now answer with confidence, “I am a physician.”

Your success has been the product of your will, determination, and courage to become the person you believe you were meant to be.

Our forever love and support to you, Jay.

Mom, Papa, and Marielle
It was a life long dream to have a child attend Rush Medical College. And now, here is Anatoli who is graduating, and Vasili, who graduated in 2012. Congratulations awesome, hard-working children! You make us proud and we know well that you will help thousands of people to heal and lessen their pain. God bless. We love you!

-Karas Family-

From Rush...to Duke

Vasili, Rush 2012
Orthopaedic Surgery Resident at Duke University Medical Medical Center

Toli, Rush 2014
Otolaryngology Resident at Duke University Medical Medical Center
Congratulations, Sarah!
What an amazing journey you are on!
We wish you the very best in all your endeavors.
May you bring blessings to those you encounter each day.

God bless.

Mom, Dad, David & Alex
Congratulations!!!
Your family loves you!
With all our love and admiration,
Mom
Kristina L. Quinn, M.D.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Congratulations Kristina on your graduation!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Tom
CONGRATULATIONS, DR. LAUREN FETTY, ON YOUR GRADUATION!

We always knew you could achieve your dream of becoming a doctor – another accomplishment to add to a long list of successes. You are already an amazing artist, beloved friend, dedicated dog-lover, gorgeous cake-decorator, burgeoning fire-spinner, fantastic face-painter, and a fun-loving adventurer! Given how you have flourished in medical school, we know you will thrive as a radiologist. May your life as a resident in Portland, Maine be full of love, excitement, and many long, beautiful hikes with Elliot.

GOOD LUCK AND MUCH LOVE!
— Your friends and family
Congratulations

Jochen Reiser, M.D., Ph.D
Chairman
Department of Internal Medicine

The faculty and staff of the Department of Internal Medicine wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2014
Congratulations, Class of 2014!

Thank you for your hard work, dedication to volunteering, and contagious enthusiasm for serving the Chicago community!
May your passion for serving continue to grow throughout your careers!

Warm regards,
Sharon Gates and Marilyn Wideman
Congratulations RMC Class of 2014!

WE DID IT!!

It has been an honor to be your Student Council representatives for the past four years, and we wish everyone the best of luck in their residency!

-StuCo-
Jordan Becerril, Joslyn Hager, Toli Karas, Debbie Leech and Kate Rubey
Congratulations to the Class of 2014

From the Department of Pathology
Congratulations
& Best Wishes
Class of 2014
Dr. Wood Molo, Dr. Radwanska
Department of
Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
SNMA/LMSA

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2014!
The Department of Family Medicine is proud to congratulate those who matched into Family Medicine and the graduating class of 2014!

Walter Snyder  Melanie Marsh  Deborah Leech

Alon Bloom  Sarah Henkle  Spencer Kirk  Amrita Seehra
Congratulations!

Rush Medical College Class of 2014!

Special Congratulations to Rush Medical College Students Entering the Obstetrics and Gynecology Profession in 2014

Vanessa Archil (St. Joseph Hospital-IL)
Thanh Ha Luu (Cleveland Clinic Foundation-OH)
Katy March (St. Louis University SOM-MO)
Andreea Mihai (University Iowa Hospitals and Clinics-IA)

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Your Yearbook Committee

Congrats, Class of 2014!! We wish you all the BEST!!!