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Dear Gordon:

I am really happy to share with you my emotion for having accomplished one of my most desired goals in the last years: finishing with magna cum laude a bachelor's degree in psychology. However, I could not succeed in this endeavor without the help of many nice people who, in one form or another, supported me during the years of my studies. Your help was especially important. I am very grateful with you and with life because it allowed me to get to know the exceptional, generous, and open person you are.

You were very busy handling numerous roles in your life, and nevertheless, you found the time to support me in several ways. This showed me that besides being a dedicated parent, spouse, and teacher, you are also a generous and compassionate person. And your help did not stop there. You also listened to me empathetically and with an open heart. It was not easy for me, as a recently arrived immigrant, finding someone with whom to talk in this highly individualistic society. Your friendly nature made me feel a little bit less isolated in this impersonal culture.

Also, by knowing you I learned several things: I improved my skills in the English language, but more important, I improved my knowledge about what does it mean to be a high quality human being. Now I have another goal going on in my life: Hopping for one day to be as empathetic, generous, non judgmental, and open as you are.

With my most sincere gratitude:

Teresa Reyes