

Colton,

#1

You are a blessing to our family. Grandpa and I have prayed for your health and asked the Lord to watch over you as you have grown into a young man. We have prayed you will have a meaningful and successful future doing God's work.

When you were a little boy, I remember how excited you were to go to VBS. You went from VBS to attending church camps. When we first heard you had accepted the Lord, Jesus Christ as your Savior at Falls Creek, we thanked the Lord for touching your heart with the Holy Spirit. You have helped with community needs (2013 Moore tornado clean-up and 2015 Bridge Creek tornado clean-up), and with food distribution for the needy. You were a youth leader at your church. You attended and helped with Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Moore High School and are the President of your senior class. We love and praise you for all of your accomplishments. The Lord has kept his hand upon you and given you strength during this time with your health problem. We are very proud and encourage and support you in your journey to become a youth minister. We asked God to spread His grace upon you and help you grow strong in your trust and faith.

Dear Lord, we thank you for choosing Colton to be your faithful and trustworthy follower. As he begins his college education to become a youth minister alongside study of becoming a math teacher. Give him good health, knowledge, wisdom, stamina, and faith to continue his Christian journey for you.

Genuine Commitment throughout with a theme of prayer.

Love,

* Missing an emphasis of Attaching High Value. There needs to be a place specifically for this.

Aaron,

#2

I'm so blessed that God gave me a son like you. A couple of things that I can count on from you is your positive, outgoing attitude and your willingness to help me and other people when we need it. *Attach High Value*

Aaron, I know that as you become a firefighter there will be challenges along the way. The first challenge will be EMT school. I know that God will use your ^{As He V's} positive and ^{As He V's} outgoing attitude to help you while you are at school. I believe that the Lord will get you through the tough days, and will even help you find the right study group. I know that it will be hard at first, but I pray that at the end of your training it will be one of the best experiences you have ever had. *special future*

So Aaron, may you know that every day, I am going to be *Genuine Commitment* praying for you and looking for opportunities to help you any way that I can. On those days when you are tired of reading or you are sick of studying and think your brain will explode if you have to memorize one more thing, just remember, "You can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens you" (Phillipians 4:13). *Add Scripture* God will be with you each and every day. He gave you the desire to want to help people and I know that He will be faithful to equip you with the skills to do just that. I can't wait to see the firefighter that you will be in the future! *Special Future*

Love,

#3

Curtis,

We are so thankful that God gave you to us. We love these things about you: you are genuine, loving, kindhearted, respectful, helpful, and have beautiful brown eyes. *GREAT example of Attaching High Value!*

We know that as you start this new chapter in life after high school at SWOSU, there will be many challenges. We know that God will use your zeal for life, your incredibly warm smile, and your willingness to try new things. He will use those strengths to help this be the best time of life as you pursue your career in Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement. *Special Future* We believe that the Lord will help you through the tough days, and help you find the right group of friends. We know it may be difficult at first, but with the Lord's help you will end this chapter in life and begin a new journey.

Curtis, all your loved ones are praying for you every day and will be looking for ways to help you grow. *Genuine commitment* There will be days when it is tough to smile or when you are lonely and miss your family and friends, but you are never alone. Just remember, "God has said, 'Never will I leave you, Never will I forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5). We will also be excited there for you. We are excited to watch you use all the strengths that God has given you as you pursue your new and exciting future.

Love,

Ryan,

#4

Time has flown by so fast. It seems like it was just last week when we were bringing you home from the hospital. One day we were teaching you to walk, then watching you walk into pre-school. You have learned to balance doing school work and having time for sports and friends. Teaching you to drive and now you are about to walk the stage to receive your High School Diploma.

There are a **million words** to describe you, but two words stand-out. First, your **determination**. When you started learning to read you had some difficulties. But you were determined to be able to read just like the rest of your classmates. You would practice reading over and over. Until you could read as well as the rest of your class. That same work ethic has spilled over into your everyday life. Whether it is working long hours to earn money for a car or studying long hours for a good grade. You are always willing to work hard for the things you want. The second is **fairness**. You were a little smaller than most of the kids. Because of this it was a little difficult for you to keep up with the kids at school. Some kids would skip over you because they thought you were too small to join in. You would say "I may be little, but I should have a chance." So you would keep trying to run as fast and jump as high. Soon you were picked to join in with the other kids playing. I remember when a new kid started school, he was small, and the kids on the playground didn't want him to join in. Maybe it was because he was small or maybe because he was new to the school, but you told your friends, "He deserves a chance". You are still great friends with him. All your life, you have had the mentality that everyone deserves a chance. Whether it is a chance at trying out for a team, running for a class office, or a chance at a job.

Attaching High Value. VERY Specific

Great example of Special Future. Focus on God's Plan

There are many great things that the Lord has planned for you. As you go out in the world and discover what God has planned for you, know that your Dad and I, and Gracie too, love you very much. We will be praying for you. As you take this next step of your life, know that we will always be here. *Genuine commitment*

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

Love,