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Yeah Lynne, Strong work! I am so very proud of you for persevering through all the low points of graduate school and getting to the finish line. It is truly deserved and you now have a title that can never be taken away. You Rock! Congratulations from myself and know that somewhere out there Becca is whooping it up for you as well. Love, Cheryl, Lily, Anders

Dear Lynne, Congratulations on the birth of your PhD. We know that the long gestation period was worth it. We're happy that your degree is now safe and sound. Take some time to adjust to your new life, a life without the pejorative label ABD, a life of love, adventure, and snacks. Then consider a career at the CDC. Love, Karen and Drew

Dear Lynne, I think of you guys so often. And you are a truly remarkable woman, and I know you are an amazing mom. All my love and support to someone who continues to accomplish so much..... and of course CONGRATULATIONS on your PhD!!!!!!! Love, Amanda Cosmic Yeager (and new baby, coming in November)

Dear Lynne, A PhD's an invisible entity while you're at work. Other people can't see the search for and selection of materials, the getting lost, the triumph of finding a map that works (or 655 maps that work all at once) the pouring of the foundations, how thrilled you are when you've hefted the joists in, the putting up of the walls, brick by everlasting brick, the towers and buttresses and the twists of creativity in the decor, all constructed in the hurricane called 'having a life'. You have built a superstructure, now it's your time to stand back and admire your huge accomplishment. Well done Dr Sampson. Lots of love, Jennyxx

Dear Lynne, I am sorry I can't say this in person, but CONGRATULATIONS!!! I hope that this is the first step to a future that is intellectually fulfilling and logistically smooth sailing. Best wishes, Penny

p.s. Maybe you should celebrate finishing with a trip to Atlantis??

Well I am thrilled for you Lynne! I know you have worked hard all these years. You certainly are a brilliant person. Congratulations. Love - P'Nina

Dearest Lynne, This is a day you'll never forget the rest of your life---when you are on top of the whole world, it seems. Congratulations, Dr. Sampson. How sweet that sounds. Plus, you are now a bona fide *Tar Heel* like the rest of your family and most of your extended family. With much love, Mama Varg

Congratulations, Lynne! You sure took your time on this, but as long as you were having fun... Of course, you do seem to do your best work only after thinking long and hard and facing a deadline - I recall an 11 PM call from a certain star student looking for last-minute help with an analysis that ended up completely redone in about a day. Have a well-deserved rest, knock back a beer (or three), and good luck with wherever your career leads. Cheers - Larry

Dear Lynne, Congratulations!! I cannot even fathom the work and dedication it must have taken to get your Ph.D., especially since our sophomore year at UNM is somewhat of a blur! :-) I wish you all the best in your career and family life. Take care! Rhonda "Woos" Eulenbach-McGee

Lynne, Congratulations! You've worked for years without ever losing sight of your goal, and that's no easy feat. You are part of a tradition that began with the study of the night-soil men and their work, and now who knows where your brilliant mind will take you? We're all proud of you! Much love, Remy

dear lynne, "By persisting in your path, though you forfeit the little, you gain the great," my good friend r w emerson and myself want to congratulate you on one of the greatest gains a person can make!! best, wes

Dr. Sampson--All best wishes and congratulations! Ada says "yay!" and claps her hands as do her mom and dad. --Ada, Rachel & Robert

Hey Dr. Lynne - I don't think any of this would have been possible without my assistance in Mrs. Anderson's Spanish class during spring of 1984. ¡Felicidades! You Go Girl!!!! Daniel "F" Guevara

Thanks for coining the phrase "P=PhD" - it's gone a long way for keeping life in perspective for me. PhD = Phinally done! Congratulations Lynne! We're so proud of you! Dionne & Family!

Hay Hey Lynne, You've surpassed in excellence, and excelled a long way, along the way, baby! Especially making this accomplishment while caring for your two babies, speaking of babies. Congratulations and thank you for helping out the world with your work. Sincerely, Mr. Fish.

Dr. Sampson - Congratulations and welcome (back) to your LIFE! It (and we) have missed you. Looking forward to social outings with you and Robby, both with and without the kids. Won't they one day soon just play amongst themselves? Together we have almost a complete starting 5! All the best, Annie.

Congratulations to Lynne— It may not be the longest PhD pursuit on record but it must seem like it to you all. I didn't reply last year to your wonderful news about the children, so you should know I am happy for you all. Blair Pollock

Welcome to the ranks of PhDs, Doctor. I can now let you in on a couple of secrets. If you tell the folks at the coffee house you're a doctor and give them two four six eight ten twelve fourteen sixteen bits, they'll give you a cup of perks! Also, if you tell the maitre d' you're a doctor you will feel important, but he will expect you to save the guy that has a coronary during your dinner. Congratulations and enjoy your perks! Jen Miller

B is for "Brave"; I is for "In it for the long haul"; O is for "Really Rad"; G is for "GOOD, GREAT & GAD"- she is done!!! - Steve Maister, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Peace sign!"; A is for "A Doctor in the house"; R is for "Really Rad"; D is for "Victory (with 2 fingers, showing the victory! What does it spell? BIOVARG 246-8274 Betsy and Bob

Knowledge, they say, is an unending adventure on the edge of uncertainty. Congrats Lynne. Now you're getting the certificate, keep the adventure going. Best regards - Curtis Novak

Lynne - CONGRATULATIONS! It's great that you have gotten to the top of the mountain and planted that dissertation flag. I know it's been one hell of a herculean feat. But now that the PhD is behind you you can look forward to a couple of days say, including the "well, I think at this point..." and "well, I'm still important..." and "well, I'm still the boss of me" and "well, I'm still the Doctor" and "well, I'm still Lynne" and "well, I'm still me" and "well, I'm still the mindless grunt who did the mindless grunt work with" and "well, I'm still the one who has been doing the mindless grunt work for" and "well, I'm still the one who has been doing the mindless grunt work for the last 5 years" and "well, I'm still the one who has been doing the mindless grunt work for the last 5 years and will be doing the mindless grunt work for the next 3 years" and "well, I'm still the one who has been doing the mindless grunt work for the last 5 years and will be doing the mindless grunt work for the next 3 years and will be doing the mindless grunt work for the next 3 years and will be doing the mindless grunt work for the next 3