

Saying Goodbye to Your Dancers

MY DEAREST DANCERS

My last of many letters to you!

As you move forward in life, I'd like you to consider the symbolism of this ATLAS. I wish it included the entire world and what we know of space, as well, but it represents four gifts you deserve.

The gift of...

- 1. Going places!** You are about to live with people who are not your family. Find out where they came from - travel with new and old friends. Don't "just" read about people and places - go there. With this atlas you can begin to plan. Write on it! Highlight roads to take, circle destinations you want to see, take the long road when you can.
- 2. Getting lost!** Some of the best parts of life happen between the things we plan. Don't worry about not knowing people - meet them! Don't worry about being able to get someplace - there are many roads to your destination and the fastest way is not always the most rewarding.
- 3. Coming home!** When you find you've gone too far or are gone too long - there is always a way home. People here want to see you and you can get your laundry done for free, eat out of your old cereal bowl and you can always come get a great work out with the team...or watch and give advice.
- 4. Showing the way!** The world is going to need your help. The investment and resources we have poured into you are intended to make you a rich field for ideas and vocations. You will be our answer before you know it and you can always pull out the trusty lessons you have learned and use them to help others, no matter what path you take.

You are a significant person who will contribute greatly to the world long after everyone you admire is no longer with us. What contributions you make will be determined by the big and little things you do. The catch is that you can't always tell the difference between the big and the little things. Consider everything to be of some importance and keep what is most important to you and most important in your life. Know that your family loves you and never forget that. Work to build up your family. Value every hug, smile, and lesson you've received and will continue to receive. Give more than you receive.

Thank you for all you have done through the years at Just For Kix! I'll always value you! You will always have a special place in my heart.

Congratulations on your Graduation!

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Before we know it, graduation will be here and it will be time to pay tribute to our Seniors!

Sending them on their way and wishing them well on their next journey is something I've always made a priority.

I usually send a card with a fun poem or hand out, but in 2009 I paid tribute in a special way. I sent them an ATLAS. The original idea I discovered somewhere along the way and adapted as needed.

With Kix,
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