

Bob and Judy Chambers

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Grand Master Brian D. Manna
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Dear Grand Master Manna, Master Manna and Master Brandt:

As you know, our son Nicholas will be starting college at USC this fall. We wanted to take a moment to express our profound gratitude for everything you've done for Nicholas over the past 11 years.

Nicholas was introduced to karate at the Westwood Elementary School enrichment program when he was six years old. He quickly took to karate, and advanced through the years to the rank of third-degree black belt.

You've all seen him grow, as we have, from a little boy to a young man—but not just any young man. He is confident, self-assured, respectful, kind and disciplined. We've done everything we can to teach him to be a good person, and to do the right things in life, but we can't take all the credit.

Nicholas has learned so much from all of you. Among other things, he's learned:

- That hard work pays off;
- That some discomfort, such as sitting still for three hours during a karate test, can result in greater and more important rewards;
- That pushing himself to the physical limit, such as he experienced during the Elite Warrior Camp, shows just how much inner strength and endurance he truly has;
- That one can love someone, such as I know you love your students, yet still hold them accountable for success.

Nicholas is entering a major new phase in his life's journey. This is an emotional, but exciting, time for all of us. We feel much better about sending him off on his own, knowing that with your help he is as prepared as possible for this new adventure.

Thank you again for being such an important part of our son's life, and thank you all for being such wonderful role models.

With greatest respect,


