

Thank You Messages



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Adrian Aguilar

To my brother Andres,

I want to start by thanking you and the rest of our family for your unwavering support and encouragement throughout my journey in this academy. Your advice and belief in me served as a constant source of motivation, helping me push forward day after day. Knowing that I was doing this not only for myself, but also for all of you who gave me the strength to keep going. When our instructors asked us to choose someone to recognize during our pinning ceremony, I immediately thought of you. After all, you were the very first person I spoke to about joining the academy. Before anyone else knew of my aspirations, I shared them with you, and without hesitation, you told me to go for it if it was truly what I wanted. Your confidence in me meant more than you know. As a younger brother, I look up to you in many ways. You have always been a great role model and have taught me valuable lessons about dedication, perseverance, and pursuing your goals regardless of what others may say. Every day, I see how hard you work to achieve your own goals, and it reminds me that I must do the same. I really like the saying you have never truly learned something until you can teach it to someone else. Andres you were that someone else to me throughout this journey. Thank you for always being there after class, ready to listen as I shared what I had learned that day. Whether it was explaining how to perform CPR during the EMT portion of the academy or talking about the grueling workout circuits during the Structure Fire portion, you were always there to listen. Whether you realized it or not, you helped me tremendously by giving me the opportunity to reinforce and reflect on what I had learned. Andres, I want you to know that it is a true honor to have you here today celebrating this accomplishment with me. Your support and guidance have played an important role in helping me reach this milestone, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

With love and gratitude,

Adrian

Leonardo Aguilera

Mom today this pin may be pinned on my chest, but this accomplishment belongs to both of us. Before I ever wore this uniform, you were the one teaching me what strength, sacrifice, and courage truly looked like. You were there for every early morning, every late night, every moment when I doubted myself. When things got hard, you reminded me why I started, your love and support carried me through challenges I never thought I could overcome. Becoming a firefighter means dedicating my life to helping others, but that desire came from watching you. You showed me what it means to care for people, to put others before yourself, and to never give up no matter how difficult life gets. This pin is more than a symbol of duty to me. It represents every sacrifice you made so I could stand here today. Every lesson, every prayer, every hug, and every word of encouragement is part of this moment. So having you pin this one on me is the greatest honor I could have asked for because before anyone called me a firefighter I was your son, and I always will be. Te amo, mamá gracias por creer en mí incluso antes de que yo creyera en mí mismo. Ahora yo me encargare de todo.

Oswaldo R. Andrade

I chose my mom to pin me today because she has always supported me throughout this journey. She was there for me when I needed her most, through every struggle that led me here. I wouldn't be standing here without her, and I'm truly grateful for everything she's done for me.

Benas Borusevicius

My mother had raised me to strive for excellence within myself to become the best version of myself I could be. This includes moral and ethical values, a positive mindset, as well as a sense of pride and passion in doing whatever it is my heart desired. Which ultimately led to my decision in pursuing the ever longed dormant ambition to become a firefighter. While I was never entirely certain what was to sprout as a life long career; there was always one thing for sure, I wanted to help people one way or another. My mother is a significant reason as to why that would be possible in the first place. From raising me in Illinois the best she could under challenging circumstances to being there for me amidst my darkest times after I moved to California. I am eternally grateful to have this resilient, beautiful, optimistic, patient, loving and intelligent woman as my mother. She is a role model to me and will forever remain one as I pave my journey through the fire service. I am convinced I would not be standing here today if it were not for my mother. There were days I did not want to attend class, felt discouraged and unmotivated. Whether during extensive class time, PT, rigorous physical agility circuits, outdoor hands-on skills practice, endless hours of studying at home or numerous personal sacrifices made to accomplish my goals with the fire academy. I always had to keep reminding myself of my "why?" It was my mom.

Eduardo Delgado

I want to thank my parents for supporting me throughout the fire academy and for always giving me the opportunity to explore different paths in life. I'm grateful for the patience you've shown, and for allowing me the freedom to find my own direction while always being there to support me along the way.

Braulio Isaac Galvan

Good evening everyone.

I want to take a moment to thank my parents, who have been my biggest supporters throughout this academy. Mom, thank you for your constant prayers, for checking in on me asking how class went every single day, and for always making sure I knew someone was in my corner. Dad, thank you for pushing me to be the best version of myself and for never letting me settle for less than my full potential. I know everything you do is out of love and you want nothing less than to see me succeed.

Having you both pin me today makes this moment even more special. I wouldn't be standing here without your love, support, and sacrifices. Thank you and I love you both.

Anthony Garcia

To my mentor, Matt Suamataia, you played a huge role in getting me to this point. From becoming an EMT to preparing for the fire academy, you pushed me, guided me, and taught me how to set the goals that built the path for my career. You didn't just teach me skills, you helped me build consistency, discipline, and a mindset I never had before. There were times I struggled and doubted myself, but you stuck with me and helped me push through. I wouldn't be standing here today without your support and belief in me, and for that, I'm truly grateful. Thank you for everything you've done for me.

Alexander Guevara

Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for all of you but, I want you all to know that your support alone had kept me pushing and making myself better each day. Let it have been those restless nights when my mind was racing and I couldn't sleep, when I was stressing about an exam, or even when I just needed someone to kick me in the rear to get my EMT license. Each of you are the reason I'm here today, for believing in me even when I didn't believe in myself. Thank you all, and know I love each and every one of you.

Allan Gutierrez

To my family, my mom, dad, my older brother, little brother and sister, thank you guys for being on this journey with me and always supporting me from day one witnessing me being tired from going to work then to school. It has been a journey for sure and beyond thankful for you guys being there for me always.

Most importantly I would like to thank my mom for always being there for me throughout everything, and especially for this chapter in my life. There were many times when things got difficult for the times when I doubted myself, but she never stopped believing in me even when I struggled to believe in myself. Her encouragement, support, and constant reminders to never give up and her love gave me the strength to keep pushing forward. No matter how hard the days were, she stood by my side and reminded me why I started. I truly would not be where I am today without her love, patience, and her unwavering support and I for that will always be great full, and thankful I love you all always.

Diego Harmon

To my loving parents, who are pinning me here today, and the reason is that they have always supported me throughout my journey of life. They encouraged me during the most challenging days, believed in me when things were difficult, and celebrated every accomplishment along the way. Their love, sacrifices, and guidance helped me become the person I am today. Having them pin my badge is a way to honor everything they have done for me and to share this important milestone with the people who have always stood by my side.

Norberto Irungaray

The reason I'm choosing my mom and dad to pin me is because I've always looked up to them and they've always been someone I strived to be like. They've taught me so much growing especially never to give up. When times are tough, for you guys you guys always stand strong and continued and never gave up on anything. They've always told me to never give up and to continue going. I've had their support all throughout my life, especially through my time in the academy. Not only that, but you've also guys pushed me to always try to better myself so I can be the best version of myself all the time. Whether it's in the academy or throughout life, you've guys always pushed me to better myself all throughout my life. Thank you for always supporting me and pushing me to never give up and as well as thank you for always helping me strive to better myself all the time.

Francisco Luna Jr.

Today is a day not many would have expected me to make it to, a day in which I would be able to say "I DID IT!". My whole life these two individuals have supported me in the good and in the bad, and I would like to say that all of my moms prayers of my education and accomplishments have finally begun to be answered. But more than anything that I've had the change of mentality to show both of my parents that I can do something with my life and actually prove to myself that I can be someone who not only helps the community in this new career path but also hope I can set the example one day should I be given the chance.

To my mother Mayra, thank you for never giving up on me and always encouraging us, your children to seek a good future and be an example to not only be good people but a disciple of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

To my father Francisco, thank you pops for always being there, in every way possible, physically, and financially. I thank you for never hesitating to help me find the answer to whatever I needed. The only way I can start to repay you is by completing this academy and climbing the scale.

I chose you both on this day, for there is no greater way to say thank you for everything you have helped me accomplish, than with the honor of having my mother and father pin me.

Esteban Moreno

This is a short and sweet message to my dearest father Oscar Moreno & mother Gabriela Couzin. I thank you for everything you have helped nurture, not just in my life or that of my brother, but the strangers whom we only met once. I find hope in knowing that the lessons and perspective you have shown me will as profoundly impact others as they currently mold me, not with force but with compassion. In my lowest moments you both were there regardless of anything, which is something I greatly admire from you both & aspire to harness. Your support and presence is what got me through to the end even if it was from a distance, the effect was still the same if not greater. Nothing I say or do will ever truly amount or measure to what I feel for you both. Ironically I end this with a thank you from the bottom of my heart for being with me throughout the way.

Julio Murga

To my Parents. In this moment all I can do is thank you wholeheartedly for everything you have done for me. I could not stand here and be half the man I am today if it were not for how you raised me. I will never forget the sacrifices you made, and I hope that in this moment it all seems a little worth it. I vow to take care of our community and uphold the standards of the firefighters who came before me with the same strength, dedication and perseverance that both of you instilled in me and raised me with.

Jazmin Navarro

Elegí a mis hijas para colocar mi pin, porque son el motivo de todo mi esfuerzo, Gracias por su apoyo y por entender las veces que tuve que estar en clase, estudiando y entrenando.

Quiero que sepan que las amo más que a nada y que espero que este momento les recuerde que, con esfuerzo, disciplina todo se puede lograr.

Las amo y siempre estaré orgullosa de ser su mamá.

Mason Navarro

I chose my brother to pin my badge because he's played a big role in helping me get to this point. Whether it was in sports, at the gym, or in everyday challenges, he's always been there to push me to do better. He's also the reason I even considered becoming a firefighter in the first place - without his influence, I might never have taken this path. Having him here for this moment feels fitting, since he's been part of the journey from the very start. I'm also deeply grateful to my entire family, who have supported me in countless ways - encouraging me when things got tough, celebrating my wins, and reminding me why I started. This achievement is as much theirs as it is mine.

Carlos Perez

Sere breve porque no los quiero hacer llorar. Papá y mamá, ya por fin es el día de graduación. El día que estuvimos esperando tanto. La verdad esto no lo hubiera hecho sin toda su ayuda y todo su apoyo. Les quería decir muchas gracias por todo lo que han hecho por mí y aprecio que estuvieron apoyándome todos estos meses. Ustedes fueron la razón por la que seguí adelante y nunca me di por vencido . Los quiero mucho.

To my mom and dad. Finally a day we have been looking forward to, graduation day. I couldn't have done this without your help. I appreciate your support and everything you have done for me, especially for being by my side these past months. You guys were the reason I kept going and never gave up. I love you guys.

Isaiah Perez

To Mom and Dad

I never really understood the whole point of these type of ceremonies, because honestly it made me feel more uncomfortable than anything. But I was thinking about it while writing this note to yall that maybe this little ceremony was never really about this little pin at all. It is about remembering all the struggles we had to go through to be where we are right now, and all the people that have help me along the way. I chose you guys to pin me, because without yall i dont think i would be standing in this position, actually i know i wouldnt be here. I dont think yall realize how much you've actually helped me accomplish by just being there for me from the very start. I dont want to make this long so i will just end this here by saying thank you guys for everything and i love yall so much.

Enrique Robledo

I just wanted to say thank you to my mom and dad. I love you guys so much and I appreciate all the love and support you guys gave me throughout this academy. Dad, thank you so much for all the help you have given me, any time I had a question about something, you were always there to give me an answer. I love you so much and I can't wait to continue this journey with you guys. And I would also like to say thank you to all our instructors for all the help and support they gave us, thank u for pushing us to be what we are right now.

Diego Torres

I have chosen my wife, Arlyn, to pin me today. I chose you because you have been by my side throughout this entire journey. You were always understanding, motivating, and loving. You provided me with support when I needed it most, helped me stay focused, and kept me going through the challenges. Thank you for your encouragement, your patience, and all the amazing meals along the way. I wouldn't be standing here today without you. This is the next stepping stone for us as we continue building our future together.



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