

December 6th, 2010

Hello to all,

After four plus years of effort I have managed to finally complete my degree! I officially finished my coursework in August of this year but the graduation ceremonies are only held twice a year, in the spring and fall semesters. So I am returning to San Francisco this month to participate.

After finishing my degree in August, my wife, Silvana, and I moved to Minnesota where she is now enrolled in graduate school. I completed my licensure exam and in January I will be starting work in the medical intensive care unit at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. I plan to gain a couple of solid years of work experience, pay off remaining student debt and then return to school to become a Nurse Practitioner and work with underserved communities and serve as a healthcare advocate. God willing, we will see what the future holds.

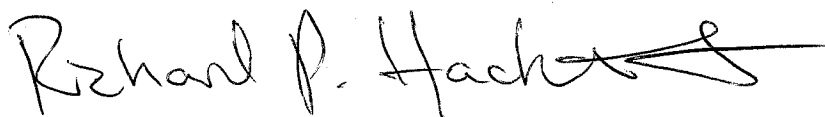
However, the purpose of this letter and announcement is just to express my sincere thanks to so many family members, friends, professors, and other individuals and agencies that have helped and influenced me along the way in various ways. Especially for the numerous scholarship sponsors that I have been fortunate to receive, I want them to know that their support was not wasted. Without the combined significant amount of scholarship support over the past four years, I do not think I would have ever attended and maintained attendance at the University of San Francisco, whose tuition rates are extremely high, and some of the unique and impacting experiences that I was provided, such as working in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Mexico, would have been lost.

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Sincerely,

Richard Hackett

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard P. Hackett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.