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You, my granddaughter, are my future. As your grandmother, I have the precious gifts of history, genealogy, and memories of my life, plus my dreams and expectations for you, now and for your future.

I have always treasured my college education and regarded it as a privilege. In my journey through life I was able to be and do exactly what I planned in my career – a special education teacher. In my opinion, one of the most challenging and most rewarding professions. In your journey through life, you will discover exactly who you are and who you want to be. Your college education will help provide the tools necessary, the opportunity, to achieve all your goals and dreams. I can't guarantee a wonderful college experience, but I know in my heart, for you, it will be – absolutely!

You are talented, intelligent, generous, passionate and you have wonderful dreams. You are unique, cherished, and as I celebrate each accomplishment and birthday with you, I am amazed at your ambitions spirit and thirst for knowledge. I want you to reach out and make a positive difference in my future, yours, and the world around you. Your college education will help prepare you to experience and enjoy all that life has to offer.