

# Re: A Proud Dad!

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Neal, as someone who has "watched" Kristin grow up, it's heartwarming to read this. We all want what's "best" for our kids, but sometimes we don't realize that "best" will not be defined by our value system, but their own.

Please give Kristin a big hug from me and tell her I hope she wears this honor proudly! GOOD FOR HER!!

(And heaven forbid, the waiting room for heaven!!)

"Neal" <[nbrown12@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:nbrown12@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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- > Our daughter, Kristin, graduated from college last Saturday! She is the
- > daughter that has given us, had, found, and draws trouble. She tried to
- > kill herself at age 16, almost quit school after that, and has always
- > heard the sound of a "different drummer." She got married last year, at
- > night, in a city park, married by an internet minister. (Told us about
- > it the next day... boy, did I save some money!!!!)
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- > BUT, (big but), she has worked hard, is helping raise two stepchildren
- > ages 13 and 15 (she's 23), worked at two part time jobs while going to
- > school, and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Health Education.
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- > The last time I went to a college graduation, I remember it as a solemn
- > affair, but this was FUN! Because of my knee surgery, Kristin got us
- > seats in the wheelchair zone, and the entire family gradually migrated
- > down to where we were. Kristin had her own special cheering section.
- > Sarah's boyfriend looked down from the bleachers and commented that it
- > "looked like the waiting room for heaven" – all the wheelchairs.
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- > We all then went out to eat at our favorite restaurant, and had a blast
- > there.
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- > Yeah, I am one Proud Dad!!!!
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- > Neal

- **References:**

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- ◇ *From:* Neal

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