

Teachers,

I know you may have seen this idea a time or two before (it's totally not our original idea), but we loved it and want to create this special graduation gift for _____.

Could you please take a moment and write a message for 18-year-old _____ to read at her graduation? I know I would have loved to revisit a special time capsule like this

Thank you!

Graduation Gift 13 Years in the Making! - Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Since last spring, this [photo album](#) has had over 25 million views online and here's why. Bryan Martin needed a gift for his daughter Brenna's high school graduation, which would take place thirteen years in the future. Apparently he's a planner.

In Brenna's words:

"I graduated High School this week. When my Dad said he had a present for me I thought I was getting some cheesy graduation card. But what I received was something truly priceless. Following the ceremony he handed me a bag with a copy of [Oh, the Places You'll Go!](#) by Dr. Seuss inside. At first I just smiled and said that it meant a lot and that I loved that book.

But then he told me "No, open it up." On the first page I see a short paragraph written by none other than my kindergarten teacher. I start tearing up but I'm still confused. He tells me "Every year, for the past 13 years, since the day you started kindergarten I've gotten every teacher, coach, and principal to write a little something about you inside this book."

He managed to keep this book a secret for 13 years, and apparently everyone else in my life knew about it! Yes the intended effect occurred. I burst out in tears. Sitting there reading through this book there are encouraging and sweet words from every teacher I love and remember through my years in this small town. My early teachers mention my "pigtails and giggles," while my high school teachers mention my "wit and sharp thinking." But they all mention my humor and love for life. It is astounding to receive something this moving, touching, nostalgic, and thoughtful.



I can't express how much I love my Dad for this labor of love.

[Watch Brenna's Today Show Interview](#) - The Today Show - July 9, 2012

Bryan Martin bought [Oh, the Places, You'll Go!](#) for his daughter Brenna in 1999. He gifted it upon high school graduation saying: "Every year for the past 13 years, since the day you started kindergarten, I've gotten every teacher, coach & principal to write a little something about you inside this book." Stunned, Brenna later said, "It is astounding to receive something this moving, touching, nostalgic, and thoughtful."

