

# JONATHON JAMES, DO



Jon –

Growing up you said you wanted to be either a pyrotechnician or a doctor (depending on proximity to the 4th of July or New Year's Eve). Given your stubbornness, your sense of adventure, your willingness to take risks, and your early work on the front line of fireworks sales – we were afraid that glamour might win out and you'd take the more exciting road of pyrotechnics. We're so glad you went with plan B!

It's hard to express how proud we are of your growth as a person, as a student, as a husband (and father), as a leader; and finally as a doctor. All those characteristics that have gotten you this far will serve you equally as well in the years to come. Keep growing through those adventures (but not pyrotechnics)...risk honest relationships...trust yourself...make a difference when you can...celebrate when life goes well. And we'll celebrate right along with you!

**Mom & Dad**

Dear Jon,

You did it! It is hard to believe after everything leading up to this day, after all of your hard work, after all the 12+ hour shifts, after all the beans and notes completed on your "time off"...it's over!! You are now a REAL DEAL doctor.

When we first started talking about where we wanted to go for residency, we were dating and living in the desert. And now? We have been married for 3 years, we bought a home, we have a 16 month old maniac son, and the most well behaved fluff ball fur baby. Did these 3 years fly by? Yes and no. I'd say the days felt long and the years felt short. Just look how much change we've endured!

Remembering back to your intern year, you worked hard trying to ease the transition of having a "new job" every month. You weathered having your first baby during your second year of residency. You got MORE sleep when on OB night shift compared to "sleeping" at home with a 3 week old baby. Then you seamlessly handled your third year like a pro. Now it is time to move past your training years and start your career. All the education involved in becoming a doctor makes it hard to believe that this day would ever come. But it's here! And you freakin' earned it.

It is hard to explain in words how incredibly proud I am of you. You have completed this long journey with grace, in spite of all the challenges you faced. Congratulations Hubby Bubby! No one deserves this more than you.

We love you,

**Jeanine (Corbin & Finn)**

