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Letter to My Younger Self

Dear Andrew,

I am writing this letter just a few days before you graduate from UNO. I want to offer some encouragement and guidance as you start your college journey.

First, don't be worried about meeting new people. You will make some great friends right away that will stick with you through your entire time at UNO. Second, you have an amazing girlfriend. You'll end up engaged to her before you graduate. When it comes to school, try to learn as much as you can from your classes and the people around you. Don't worry about grades. Do your own work and everything will be fine. Seize every opportunity that comes your way. If something falls through, it will lead to a better opportunity every time. Always put your full effort into every aspect of your life. And one final warning, you're not as good of an ATV driver as you think. With that, enjoy your time in college. It will go by quickly and you'll be off to the next adventure.

Andrew Ruder