



**December 2021**

Letter to My Younger Self

Dear Bryan,

I don't have time nor the space on this piece of paper to explain how this it's possible, but I am your future self, writing you this letter in November of 2021.

I know what you're thinking. November 2021 is an oddly specific time to be writing from, and you're completely right. However, somehow, some way, you managed to book it through two bachelor's degrees and two minors in just 5 semesters (and 2 long summers) here at UNO. And you thought all those high school clubs and AP classes at Millard South were a grind... boy do you have another thing coming.

It's kind of funny to think back to what your plan is right now. You're about to start your first semester undeclared with thoughts of becoming either an engineer or studying environmental sciences. The whole idea of picking one thing to do for the rest of your life just doesn't sit well with you, and I am very happy to be able to say that we never compromised on that - though we eventually found a better plan than taking random classes. With the help of your parents, a phenomenal advising team, and the smartest peers you've met in your whole life, you declared your major as business administration with a concentration in economics - and from that point on your college education became truly one-of-a-kind. It was a huge change for you... and I haven't even MENTIONED the Coronavirus.

But global pandemics aside, you truly have had a phenomenal college experience. You met kind and supporting staff in Mammel Hall and made amazing friends that will not only support you but will also help you further your future career. You made a great choice when you enrolled at the College of Business Administration because by having a business degree, you have left yourself with countless different paths you can take in the future. There is no clear-cut route you must take with your education and the possibilities for your future are still just as endless as they were before! Business is everywhere in all ways, shapes, and forms, and it can potentially lead you to any country across the entire planet.

So, with all that being said, keep doing exactly what you're doing. You are set up for an unforgettable career at UNO, and speaking from experience, you wouldn't want to trade it for the world. Seek those leadership opportunities in Pi Kappa Alpha, study hard, and keep giving your all in everything you do. By the time you graduate, all your hard work will already have paid off, and from here, not even the sky is a limit to your potential.

Love,  
Bryan Botkin