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Letter to My Younger Self

Dear Nick,

I'm writing to you from the future just a few days before you graduate from UNO. I know right now you have lots of questions about what's ahead over the next 6 years- no you won't finish your PHD in 5 years SORRY!! - but first let me say congratulations! We did it!!

So many people helped you along the way - too many to mention here - and they all told you how you would survive that first semester as a doctoral student which seemed impossible at the time. And they also encouraged you to keep going and finish your dissertation when you wanted to quit! Never forget that feeling the first time your kids called you "DOCTOR DAD"!

Now go have a great time celebrating and experience all the great things you have worked so hard for!

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