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Letter to My Younger Self

Dear Sam,

I am writing to you from the future, just a few days before you graduate from UNO. I know right now you have a lot of questions about what's ahead over the next 4 years, but first let me just say congratulations! We did it.

You will have several moments throughout the years when you will question yourself, your abilities, and your career choices. You will lose count of the nights you'll spend in the library, cramming for a test until midnight- just to go home and study some more before your AM class. At times, the stress may feel like it's too much to handle, but you are capable of more than you know. You can do hard things.

Always remember that you are not alone. Reach out to your professors, use the resources provided by UNO, and create meaningful relationships with your peers who are all in the same boat. Academic advisors are practically angels sent straight from heaven. ALWAYS reach out to them when you are struggling.

Remember that you ARE on the right path, and it WILL all be worth it in the end. You will create some of your best memories at UNO - cherish them. Cherish your opportunity to learn from such talented artists and professors and your chance to use all of the amazing tools and materials provided to create your art. You will miss these things more than you know.

Through it all, you've accomplished what you set out to do. You're a college graduate and now you get to move on to your next big adventure. All of the studying, stress, and deadlines will be over before you know it. Now make sure to have a great time, learn a lot, and experience everything that will make you the person you want to be in the future.

With love,
Sam