



**Dear Jake,**

I am writing to you a few days before you graduate from UNO. Although things didn't end up just how you expected them to, everything works out wonderfully in the end.

The first thing you should know is that you don't pursue being a pilot as a career anymore. It'll be a tough decision filled with some dark days, but eventually you start to see the light at the end of the tunnel: you land a fantastic job working in the aviation industry here in Omaha!

Plus, you still get a pilot's license so you can take your friends and family flying. You also learn two important life lessons: 1) sometimes the right path is not the one you think of on your own and 2) life is never, ever, a race.

You're probably sitting in your dorm in University Village wondering where you'll meet all your friends, if at all. Don't worry about that either, you'll meet some of the most important people in your life that help to change you in ways you never thought would happen.

From aviation to 8:08, you end up meeting some truly great people. You even get to be in some of their weddings!

Remember to thank everyone in the aviation institute for supporting you, pushing you on, and for showing you just how close-knit the aviation industry really is. You'll definitely be seeing them again.

**Best Wishes,  
Jake**