



**Dear Sidney,**

I am writing to you just a few days before you graduate from UNO, and I am so proud of the person that you have become. You have stepped out of your shell and become more confident in yourself. Let me tell you, it gets better like everyone said it would. You will have wonderful roommates who will become your best friends. Your uncoordinated self will even learn how to ice skate with these roomies.

At UNO, you learned to be true to who you really were. You learned it was okay to change your major and you have now found your true calling. That gut feeling all those years ago was correct and make sure you listen to it in the future too.

While being a secondary education student, you have learned about the importance of relationships. You have now been in four different schools and had the opportunity to meet and get to know so many different students. You have built some wonderful relationships with faculty and professors at UNO. The University Honors Program has even given you the opportunity to work with a professor to advocate for high school women in STEM. This will allow you to combine both of your passions. You have had an amazing time at UNO. You were able to make lifelong friends and late night Target runs all while making progress to becoming a high school teacher. Just so you are aware, you do not need to stress about what you are going to do after you graduate because you will have signed a teaching contract four months prior. College is everything you hoped it would be and a little bit more. Follow your heart and become an amazing science teacher.

**Good Luck,  
Sidney**