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Dear Future Sean,

This is Sean from your first-year student year of college. How's it been? In four years from now, I hope to see myself graduating from UCF with Honors and a degree in Electrical Engineering, working at a job that at least gives me an interesting day-to-day life. I'll be working on my master's in electrical engineering as well, hopefully, with some credits already completed from my undergraduate using UCF's accelerated bachelor-to Master's program. By the end of my undergraduate year, I hope to have at least 4 years of internship experience under my belt or at least enough to qualify for some entry-level positions. I find myself driven to these goals of monetary value to provide my parents with something to be proud of quite honestly. There's no other opinion in this world I care about more than how my own father sees me and that better not ever change.

By graduation, I want to know that my decision to desist from majoring in computer science was the right thing to do. I have much more experience in CS, but I've fallen out of interest in the subject. I thought that it was such an expansive field that I wouldn't have a problem finding something I was interested in, but it ended up seeming like the same monotonous grind no matter what topic I explored. If Trevor Brewer was right about knowing when to "desist", then I sure hope I executed it properly. I think I was able to realize my lack of interest in the subject early enough to not have it harmed our future school years. But I'll be focusing all my energy on projects that I find interesting, even if it still involves coding. I'll put my time and effort on expanding my initial draft resume I made for the honors' symposium assignment into something truly impressive, starting off with finishing my website, Sumo Bot, and professional certification in MicroStation. I don't want

to have a boring resume that just showcases all my certifications, I want to be able to intrigue my interviewer via the projects I've done and be able to convey my pure passion for my work through a piece of paper.

I want to be in plenty of clubs by the end of college, trying to meet new people and join/ participate in their own projects. It'll provide great social skills for different work environments and prepare me for the stark contrast of an actual job when compared to the classroom. Recently I joined IEEE, which has different projects I'm excited about being a part of and leading on my own during my senior year in college.

By the end of college, I hope I'm able to describe how successful college has been for me. In the defining success assignment, I describe success as achieving the desired result. And ultimately, the desired result for me is to be happy. Whether I feel fulfilled or not, if there is a smile on my face, I'll call that success, because if I enjoy what I do for work, I'll never work a day in my life. I also want to have a couple of things off my bucket list by the time I graduate, like going skydiving and completing a triathlon.

So future Sean, I hope you've made the most of your time at UCF. Whether it be advancing your career or just having fun. I hope we've challenged ourselves, made friends, and explored what may pique our curiosity. No matter what we might end up doing, even if it isn't what we expected in the long run, as long as you're happy, you'll be successful.

Sincerely,

Sean Bramley