Dear Future Meagen,

You’re entering your dream school as a bright-eyed senior woman on cloud nine, hungry to start the next phase of your life. The joy and light in your heart aren’t new; they’ve been with you since you were young. You’ll see them pursuing an arts career & in your future, because you’re one of the few brave ones.

Yet it happens. The stress is there because you care. Accept whatever stress arises, but never let them cripple you. Never. If one thing is strong, it’s you. Remember, that simple in itself is something. And when it’s over, you’ll realize you’re still yourself.

You’ll be needed. The stories are there because you care; the students will need you. Accept them, but never let them cripple you. Be strong. Remember, they need you. And when it’s over, you’ll realize you’re still yourself.

This program can be quite intense. Self-care is important. Don’t choose extra studying over an hour of needed sleep. You’re only your best self when you take care of yourself. Add time for relaxation in a walk in the park, meeting friends, or, best of all, sleep! You are a person first, and your passion will come after.

We’ve come so far, Meagen. Winning, learning, I’m excited to see where life will take us. You’re going to start with the best. Win the world, do it. Dream your own story to the sky. You are light. Shine on, little queen. You are doing just fine. You will be blessed with God’s blessings to come.

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