PRESENTING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020
A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR KATY CULVER

Dear J-School Class of 2020,

I have been having all the feels about you lately. Mainly I’ve been so bummed that we will not be together for our graduation celebration, and you won’t be jumping around at Camp Randall in your caps and gowns. But then listening to Beyoncé made me realize I was wrong.

We are apart on this important occasion, but, as The Queen sings, it’s nothing but space and time. Your J-School degree is not about this moment. It’s about the countless other moments that have mattered in your time here. It’s about presenting your first research as a grad student. It’s about late nights in College Library bringing that 345 plan book home. It’s about calling yet another source to make your story truly strong. And it’s about that damnable train going off the tracks outside Stoughton.

The J-School has always been about important things: critical thinking, clear expression, understanding larger issues and, yes, lots and lots of hard work. But the most important thing the J-School has ever been about is you, our students.

You give us your talent, your depth, your openness, your grit and your humor. In return, we try to give you lessons that will last your lifetime. We want to help you develop a growth mindset and see yourself as adaptable, ever ready to tackle new challenges. We encourage you to see each other and work together.

The truth is, when you look back as a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication, you will not be thinking about commencement. Almost none of my treasured memories of past students focus on that event (except one magical moment when I looked down from the faculty seats on stage and saw one of my J-Schoolers pull a six-pack of Spotted Cow from under her graduation gown).

When you look back, you will be thinking about each other and about us. The friendships made. The successes celebrated. The failures that forged your resolve. And I’m betting you’ll be thinking about a lot of laughter.

So my heartiest congratulations to all of you on this important day. You’re now Badger J-School ALUMNI until the end of time.

On, Wisconsin!

Katy Culver

Professor Katy Culver
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