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house, stretching into the four years that lie ahead. Four years that will show me, time and

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right word. Storytellers. We are all ultimately storytellers. We exist in a world that does not need

whether they are from the world of business, visual arts, education, or any one of the other 140+ programs here at SUU - they help us to see the world profoundly. In turn, w this information through reports, performances, lesson plans, or whatever your discipline asked of you. This pursuit of understanding led us here and it will lead us out into the world as graduates. When the Class of 2022 walked under the Bell Tower in 2018, we did so midst a remarkable summer storm. A torrential downpour, hail, thunder, lightning, wind, you name it. The band played, our parents cheered, and we watched the most transformative years of our lives come into view. It was a grand ent

taken over the last four years has not fallen short of that. The world has changed dramatically from the time we first walked under the Bell Tower to now. We are graduating in unprecedented times that have changed our lives on a global and individual scale. Yet

complex, and never quite what we imagined.

In those weeks leading up to my official diagnosis, I lost more mobility in my arm. For four weeks I waited. It was just me and my mom and my tumor in my little apartment here in Cedar because they bring us together, allowing us to form connections no matter where we

journey.

As this community parts ways today, know that your journey is just barely beginning. Yet look at how far we have already come. The past four years have contained