

“What are you thankful for this year?” That's the question. I could just say my family and friends, but that's just not who I am as a person. I'm thankful for my family; they are the reason why I am who I am now. But family is what everyone says, and I'm like everyone else. I'm thankful for my teachers. For the first time, I'm saying teachers, because now that I'm going into high school and my mom told me a little bit, they are the reason why I got to go visit one of the big high schools. They are also the reason and got the opportunity to be able to go to that high school.

I know I'm going to sound selfish, but I'm going to say myself. Yeah, I know that sounds crazy, but in the past few years, I put myself through a lot. I made myself do things that my mom would think that one of my older siblings would do. I'm the youngest, for some people say being the youngest is good, but for me, being the youngest means that I need to grow up fast so my siblings wouldn't baby me. Going to school was hard because making friends with the middle schoolers in 4th grade was not normal. A lot of people would not be my friend because of that and for some teachers they would leave me out of a lot of things. School was hard, but it got easier when I learned how to act my age at school and when I got home that is when I would be myself. I'm thankful for my mistakes, which sounds crazy too but your mistakes can help you. For me, my mistakes are something else. They are something that broke me and helped me at the same time.

The last thing that I'm thankful for is music, and yes, that is weird to say, but music is why I got through all of my problems. That's not why music is on here, though it's what makes me happy. If I have a bad day, I just listen to music. Music is what I'm going to college for. If something makes you happy, go for it. If you don't like it later in life, while you are in your first years of college, you can change it. Another reason I'm thankful for music is that it helps me manage my emotions. It helps me focus on my work, and for that I'm glad some people still make good music. These are all the things that I'm thankful for.

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