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- My after school program, SAYA, the teachers in there
- my mentors from the after school program
- my friends especially my best friends, Sahomi, Julian, & Litzzy
- the sound of rain
- the beauty of earth and its scenery
- my pets
- my mom, and sister

As the year almost comes to an end, many people think about what their New Year's resolution will be, but what about what we are thankful for? I'm thankful for many things this year. I am thankful for my mother and sister, through all the hardships, as I get ready for college. They have supported me in many ways, whether it is to keep me on track for college admissions or scholarship opportunities. They allow me to express my creativity, and even buy me the supplies to try new things. I am thankful because my mother worked hard to get me the education that I needed to be able to learn. I am thankful that my sister keeps pushing me forward to do things even if I don't want to.

Another thing I am thankful for is my afterschool program, South Asian Youth Action (SAYA). They have helped me feel comfortable with myself, the teachers there are very kind. They hear me out if I have problems and if there's a situation where they are able to help, they will. I sometimes hangout in their office and talk to them about my day. SAYA is my safe space, it's the place where I can go and not feel any pressure or feel scared to express myself. SAYA also has a mentorship program in which I have participated in for two years and I hope to be able to participate again this year.