I'm grateful for the time that I get to spend with people. I'm also grateful for memories; some people do not have memories, and they lose their memory, and I think that's the most important thing. Time is always here, but the time that you get to spend with people can't be gone, and I understand. I learned this year that life and time are not promised for everybody and it's not forever. I realize that life is not promised to everybody, also that people come and go into your life, but people going and leaving your life can also teach you and help you grow.

I'm grateful for my life. I guess for time, because I realized how valuable it is that we take a lot of things for granted. It's not wrong, but it's not right. Sometimes you have to stop and think and be in the moment. I learned that I need to live in the moment and be more present with the people around me. This is why I think time and memories are important. My mom passed away from breast cancer after I just turned six on November 20, 2014. I didn't realize how valuable time was and how things and time fly fast. Yes, the time I had with my mom was short, but it was also sweet, and I wish I lived in a moment more often.

Now I am 17, and time is still not my friend, but also really valuable. It is really important, and everyone should appreciate the memories that they hold in their mind. Your mind is the greatest thing that you can ever have, and I'm grateful for life. My dad recently passed away from my heart attack on October 9 of 2025. I remember my dad always saying that I was a biracial butterfly. Life is not easy sometimes; you may forget. I used to get really upset because I didn't remember how my mom's voice sounded, but I had to realize it's the memories in the way she smiled and talked to me. Acceptance is also a part of life, and you only have one life to live, and like the saying goes, people come and go, so don't hold grudges, love and keep going, and remember.