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Likening ourselves to the seafarers of old, we should realize that being lost is not a failure of navigation, but an opportunity to stop, reflect, and focus on what we truly want to achieve. My voyage in Ateneo has given me islands of opportunities, but along with them, turbulent seas. The Ateneo taught me to decide for myself, especially in the most arduous situations – and for that, thank you. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be lost in the endless possibilities and see land.



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"Courage is not the absence of fear" (Cabot, 2001). College has taught me that there's more to life than being cautious over everything. Adjusting to an entirely different environment seemed difficult at first, but Ateneo helped me cope with all the issues a common province girl would face in the capital. However, these issues were nothing compared to all the people and memories that made my stay worthwhile.