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I've always found something so beautiful about the word, "try." Trying is reaching for something we believe is beyond us, the continued effort to be better than what we think we are. But at the same time, trying is the quiet voice that is accepting, but unwavering in the face of failure. Ateneo taught me a lot of things, but ultimately Ateneo taught me to try; to keep reaching but also to keep getting up from the inevitable falls. I may not know what awaits, but I know I'll give it all I have.



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It is ingrained in us to strive for excellence and arrive at a point at which greatness is no longer a stranger. While it is a great feeling to relish in that thought, the true test of one's character is how they accept their mediocrity. Look inwards and acknowledge how you falter. Fear not your weakness, for in your most fragile nature lie the extent of your prowess. Ground yourself in your austerity and no matter how high you soar above the clouds, you will know how sweet triumph is.