



Life to me is a mix of challenges, laughter, and learning to move ahead. Family keeps my feet on the ground. They are my number one reason to keep pushing, even on days when life gets real tough. I have learned that honesty is not just about telling the truth to others, but also to myself about my strengths and limits.

The biggest lesson I have faced is probably our capstone pre-oral defense. That was stressful, really nerve-wracking, and, honestly speaking, a little scary. But it really taught me that sometimes you do not need to be the best at everything. Simple and genuine effort can make all the difference. Every setback I have had, I try to turn into a stepping stone. I remind myself that failures are just motivation in disguise.

I approach life with humor, but also with seriousness. I make jokes in serious moments of tension, but I always know when to be serious. I take risks, I pursue my goals, and I embrace the uncertainty of the future, even though it scares me. For me, what really makes me happy is being loved and being able to share laughter with loved ones.

When my time on this earth is coming to a close, I want people to remember me as one who could be serious yet funny, who took on challenges and laughed through life, continuing on no matter what. Simple, honest, unapologetically me.