

Beating The Statistic

I am honored to be receiving this “Beating the Statistic” award. This award shows I can be more than what the world expects of me. We can be more than the limits placed on our names, neighborhood, upbringing, or past. I am not standing here because I was born lucky. I am standing here because I chose to believe that possibilities and dreams belong to me, even when the odds don’t.

Where I come from many people are told that their future is already written. That your environment shapes your destiny. But today, I want everybody listening to understand this truth: you have the power to rewrite the story that was handed to you!

I am living proof that you can step out of generational shadows and create your own light. Your background may explain you, but it does not define you. Your challenges may slow you down, but they cannot stop you unless you let them. Every statistic you rise above becomes a story that you can help someone else rise through.

To the young man or woman who feels trapped by circumstances, hear me when I say this. “You are not trapped. You are being prepared.” Every hardship is building you. Every setback is giving you strength, resilience, and purpose. The day you stop asking “Why me?” and start saying “Try me,” everything will change.

The world needs your voice, your talent, your ideas, your heart, **Your dream!** Your vision is not too impossible. Greatness is not reserved for a chosen few; it’s available to anyone willing to believe in themselves fiercely, relentlessly, and unapologetically.

I dreamed of becoming more than what I saw around me. That dream carried me to victories like receiving this award. So I’m asking you now, what dream is inside you waiting to be believed in? What version of yourself is waiting to be unleashed?

No matter where you start, you can build a life that makes your younger self proud and your future self unstoppable. Beat the statistics. Break the cycle. Beat the expectation. And then turn around and inspire someone else behind you to do the same.

Today in 2050, I am a seasoned entrepreneur and the owner of several of Lunares Rise. We combine multiple small and thriving companies. I understand the inner workings of business at every level, from strategy to execution, and I’ve mastered what it takes to build organizations that operate with precision and purpose. By this year, I serve as CEO—leading with clarity, influence, and confidence—ensuring each company runs smoothly, impacts lives, and generates lasting wealth.

Back in 2025 when I commenced from IC Stars, I began in business analysis. I began as a junior business analyst for a consulting firm. In my years in that role, I began closing several deals and was promoted to business analyst. At the same time I was proposing independent projects to small companies and one of them, Reach for The Clouds, hired me to work

independently for them. I was able to manage their future into success and growth, which enabled me to hire multiple people and grow the business.

The journey from 2025 to 2050 was anything but easy; it was a path shaped by unwavering faith, resilience, and a determination to move forward even when the vision wasn't clear. The challenges were intense, but they refined me. Every setback, lesson, and breakthrough contributed to my evolution into the powerful, purpose-driven entrepreneur I am today.

I want to thank Tandaleya. When I was at IC Stars, she always cared enough about me to make sure I was OK and to ensure I got through the program.

Tonight I leave you with a thought that inspires me daily. My father always used to say, "Only the strong survive and the weak fall by the way side," but as I have grown and been around so many other perspectives, I've learned that weakness is often a matter of perspective—one person's "weak" can be another person's power

Thank you.