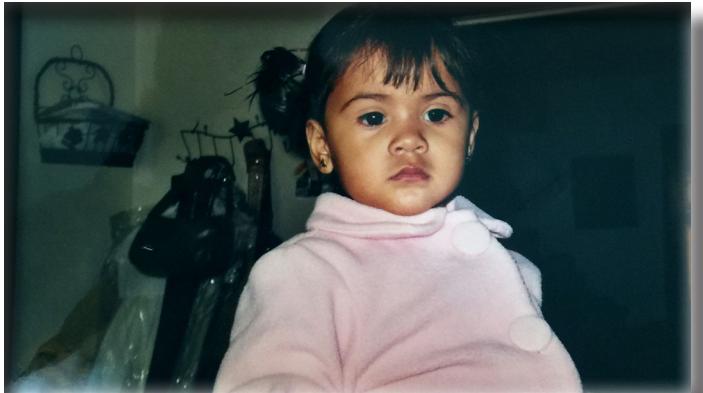


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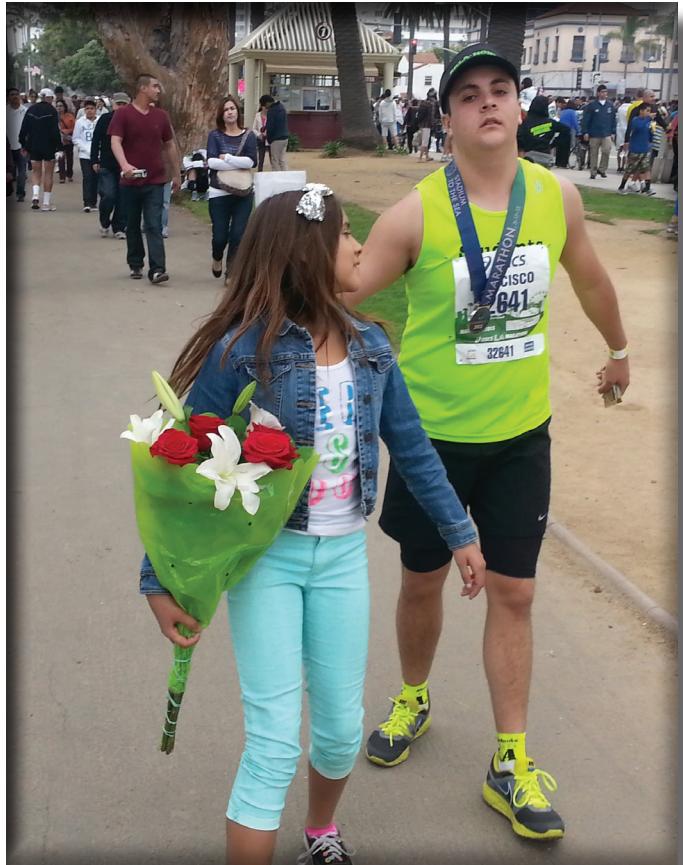
The purpose of this booklet is to try to prepare you a bit for your remaining time in high school, and soon college. What I am about to give you are a couple of life lessons that I have picked up along the way in my 21 years of life.

Lesson 1: Be Patient



To be patient is important. I realize that you are eager to conquer any obstacle that may come your way and that you are more than capable of achieving even greater things than I ever will. But I need you to remember, there is a time and place for everything. If your goal seems far, and if it seems that you can no longer wait, remember; time is relative and you'll be there sooner than you think.

Lesson 2: Never be afraid to fail



If you do not fail at something you will never get better at it. You must always be ready for failure, and when it does come, embrace it. We remember the worst experiences in our lives better than the best experiences, it is in our very human nature.

Lesson 3: Have respect for all persons



Other people are the reason that you are here today and it is silly to think that you live life without the help of others. Because of this, it is important to have respect for all persons so that in turn; you can be respected too.

Lesson 4: Finish what you start

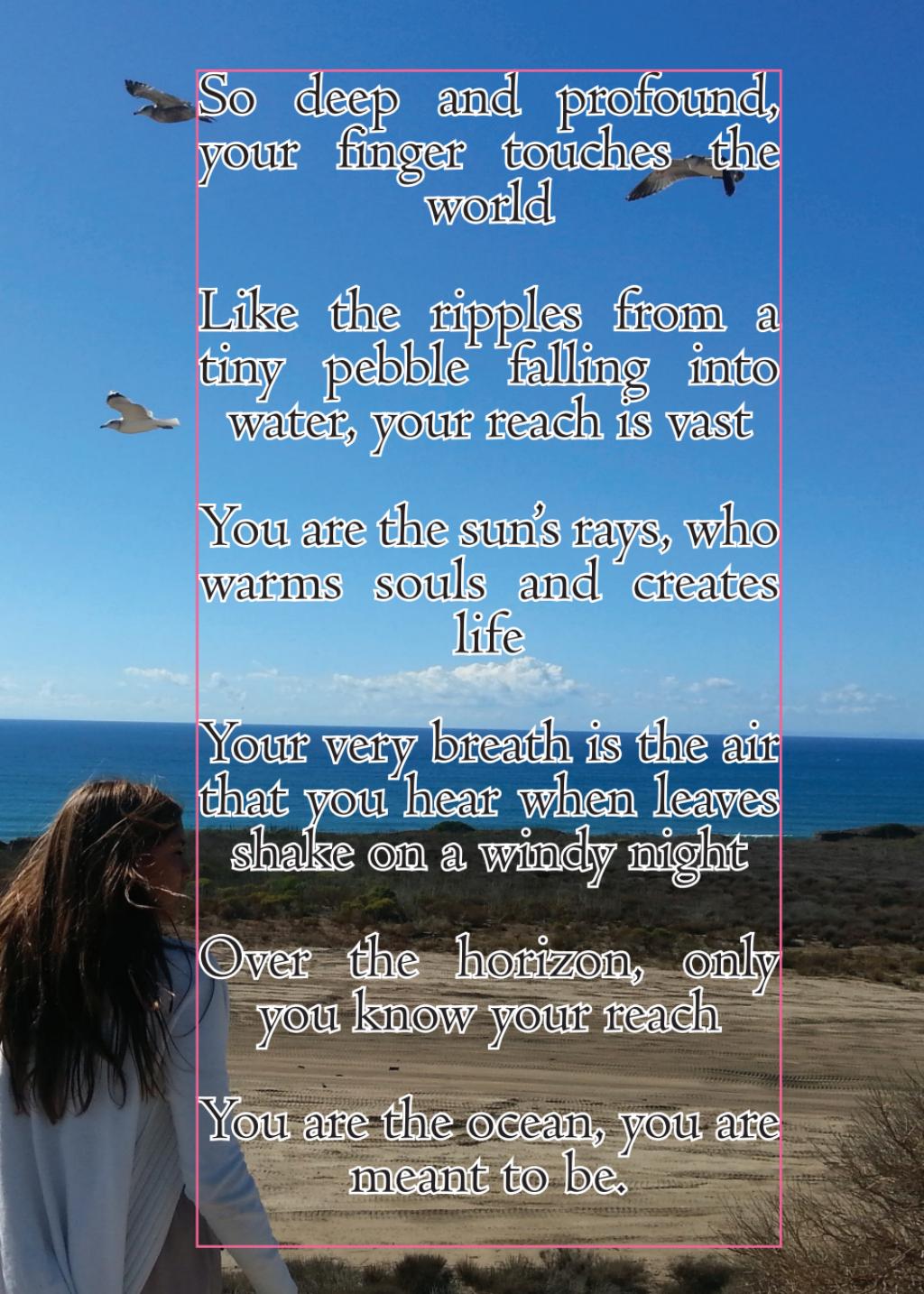


Sometimes one of our biggest obstacles is learning how to defeat ourselves. It's learning how to overcome doubt and fear. This is not as easy as it sounds, but it can be learned through the discipline of finishing anything that you start. Life is limited so instead of one day wondering what could have been, finish and realize what it will be.

Lesson 5: Always be proud of who you are and where you come from



Being proud of who you are and where your ancestors come from is an important step in self love and appreciation for your position in the world. In this country, and in the world, Persons of Color's humanity is always questioned but understanding the history of your people and knowing where your community stands politically and socially now can arm you against ignorance, and empower you.



So deep and profound,
your finger touches the
world

Like the ripples from a
tiny pebble falling into
water, your reach is vast

You are the sun's rays, who
warms souls and creates
life

Your very breath is the air
that you hear when leaves
shake on a windy night

Over the horizon, only
you know your reach

You are the ocean, you are
meant to be.