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Education in Mom's Eyes

As I waited patiently for my mother to get adjusted I took out the materials I needed to keep track of all the statements she would make. She settled on the couch in front of me with her hands cuddled into one another on her lap. My mom returned with a quick smile and gave me the signal to begin. I talked to her about education in general and what she thought once that subject is brought up. I approached her calmly asking questions that related to her past and my future in the living room that was brightly lit.

I started with a simple question about what the value of learning is. My mother answered learning is everything. It's hard to survive without some type of learning. She gave many examples of the importance it has on someone. For instance, the difference between someone with an education and without may change the salary they make. I was curious to know what her highest education was and why. Surprisingly, my mom told me she only had a couple years of schooling. Half way through it her mother died, so it was difficult getting an education when she was the oldest child in the family and had the responsibility of taking care of the household. Looking at my mother I could see a disappointed face, as if she wanted education but couldn't get it. "Yes, education is the key to success and more," she declared. I never thought about what my mom's thoughts were until today.

I asked my mom how the lack of education she received affected her. She began by stating many of the hardships she encountered and how challenging it was to balance the day without some valuable knowledge others learned on a daily basis. I replied by telling my mom to elaborate more on the hardships she came across. "Moving to the United States was pure luck but your dad and I had lots of trouble maintaining the day successfully without knowing how to speak fluent English. If I had some type of schooling it wouldn't be as hard as it was," she emphasized on how complicated it would get. I ended with a look into my future and what she wants to plan for me. My mom told me as long as you include education you will have a better future that everyone hopes and dreams about. There are a ton of benefits you can earn by including schooling in your life such as better money and others looking up to you more. She included, "You can settle for good but why not settle for great!" Those words really motivated me and I constantly want to keep that as something to follow.

From this interview, I learned many benefits education can bring you and how much learning can affect someone whether financially or mentally. Throughout the talk with my mother, I learned not to take education for granted but take advantage of what you have and make something out of it. Talking with her already motivates me for the future I have ahead of myself and looking forward to successful years as they come up. I can tell she wants the best for me because she wasn't able to receive the free schooling we get in the U.S and with that I know I can depend on my mom whenever I need to look for tips or words of wisdom because she understands me. As she stood up to leave towards the kitchen, she looked at me with strong eyes and I can tell she was relieved because she knew now I had everything and was ready to finish it one step at a time.