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## Dedication

This book is dedicated to every teen who is taking on life as it comes, who is learning that taking part in education and living with parents/guardians is a full time job, who has learned a lot along the way, who desire to help out the next teen, and who has been inspired at critical times by their own thoughts and experiences.

This book is also dedicated to every caring adult who provides a service to teens in after school programs, the classroom, youth groups, detention centers, community programs, sorority/fraternity outreaches, sports clubs, and travel leagues.

## A Word of Thanks From Dr. Recco

I thank each of you for supporting this venture financially. Your decision to purchase this book is something I don't take lightly. Your support will help thousands of teens and adults move forward in life. This book is not a fundraiser. You should know that a percentage of the proceeds from this book go directly to each of the teen authors.

## The Importance of This Book

Like previous books that I have authored or published, this book is important to me for several reasons. My search for teen relevant and meaningful first-hand experiences left much to be desired. For this reason, this book sets out to document the successes, frustrations, and concerns of today's teens. The book is also important because it showed me, (and others), that a stroke of impromptu creativity can capture the imagination of teens and the result is something meaningful that is able to change a generation.

This book was conceived well past 10:00 pm on October 31, 2015 during an unplanned group meeting with a dozen high school teens. We had all just returned to the hotel from an Ohio-based indoor water park and were getting ready to make a run to the closest grocery store for late night snacks. We were sitting in the hotels small lobby because the breakfast nook was closed down and there was no large lounging area. The lobby did not have enough seats, so most of the teens walked back up a flight of stairs and past dozens of rooms to retrieve a chair from their hotel room.

Once we all gathered up and adjusted our seats on the ceramic floor, everyone was given a sheet of unlined paper and a pen. I asked them to write down 10 personal and original quotes that helped them achieve success. After a few moans and whatevers, the students and staff struck out in writing. Everyone became focused on sharing their thoughts. Even the night shift front desk worker, who was listening in, wrote down a few thoughts.

After 20 minutes of writing, each teen, and staff, was asked to read their quotes and give a short explanation. Needless to say, some 90 minutes later, we were still talking about everyone's writings.

The next day as we drove back to Flint, MI, about halfway through the three-hour trip, I texted the other drivers. I asked them to inquire of the teens in their car if we should turn their quotes into a book. Within two minutes, the drivers texted back and replied, "Yes, the teens want to turn their writings into a book."

A few days later at our weekly afterschool psycho-educational groups at the high school and middle school, the offer to publish their to be written quotes was extended to other teens in our ABLE Program. Over the next four weeks, a total of 40 different teens and eight staff members submitted quotes for the book.

Yours,

*Recco Santee Richardson, Ph.D., LPC*

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## Personal Introductions of the Teen Authors

*By Recco Santee Richardson*

### High School Students

**Brandon Epps:** Brandon (and his family) has been a mainstay in the community for a number of years. He and his twin brother Bryce come from a long line of hard working and caring people. He is a person of few words and has a no non-sense approach to life. Observant would be a good way to describe how he sets himself to learn and achieve. Regardless of the situation, Brandon is the type of person you want in your corner.

**Bryce Epps:** A tall and expressive youth, on a daily basis Bryce is coming into his own. If there is a question to be asked, he surely is the one that has it. At the core of his being is a very gifted and talented person who is a natural leader. When Bryce sets his mind to something, he goes all out to achieve it.

**Michael Fischer:** Known for his soccer and other athletic abilities, Michael is a well rounded youth who takes advantage of opportunities. He has a knack for wording things the right way and his perception regarding situations is good. On first sight, he comes across as unassuming and quiet. However, he is loaded with unlimited potential and a way about himself that makes others feel comfortable.

**Shawntera O. Fischer:** Shawntera is an extremely smart and bright young person. She is a natural leader who prefers to lead from within the pack instead of out front. An avid reader, she has a reserved strength that most teens fail to secure. Shawntera has myriads of skills and abilities that help her successfully negotiate life.

**Undrea Fischer:** Also an avid reader, Undrea is an unique person in her own right. She is an high energy person that is willing to make things happen. Her search and desire for fulfillment and success is apparent. Currently she is working hard to maximize her potential and experience fulfilled living.

**Vivika Reed-Gonzalez:** A compassionate and caring person, Vivika has good character and is dedicated. She is sure to promote herself and others in a positive way. She is quick to rectify problems and her work ethic is outstanding. She is an observant person and regularly makes good decisions.

**Zophieia Reed-Gonzalez:** An outspoken and determined youth, Zophieia is mastering the ability to jungle many things and still excel academically. Blessed with quick wit and charm, she is learning to let things go. She is beginning to realize on a daily basis the level of power and influence she has at her disposal.

**Kandice Martin:** The winner of several talent shows and competitions, Kandice is a song bird that loves to move people with her voice. As well, she is a solid youth who has a strong sense of right and wrong. She is very “practical” in her approach to life and has refreshing streaks of stubbornness that refuses to be denied.

**Hannah E. Pettit:** Emerging from the shadows of others and shyness, day by day Hannah is blossoming into her own specialness. She has a way with words that can move others to tears and joy. She is a gifted writer and appreciates the little things in life. She has the ability to stand firm and not be moved when the storms of life and seasons of change come her way.

### **Middle School Students**

**Amandalyn Craft:** A person of action in her own rights, Amandalyn is a bright young lady that has lots to say. She has a way with words and others that can take her far in life. When given the opportunity, she is a leader. She cares deeply about most things and works hard at being herself.

**Ricky Gonzalez:** Ricky is a pleasant young man. He knows the value and importance of friendship, honesty and hard work. He excels in track and wrestling. He is an excellent listener and takes the time to research things for himself. A protector by nature, he is a joy to be around and has a willingness to help others.

**Yelena Reed:** An agent for change, Yelena has a special blend of leadership, intelligence and self-confidence. She can move large groups of people with her wisdom and communication skills. She is a very loyal person who has a knack for being in the right place at the right time. Within her lies unlimited potential and future success.

## A Word About of the Guest Authors

The contribution of anonymous and first name only student writers is appreciated. Several teen writers desired to submit anonymous statements. The first name only student writers did not meet the deadline for submitting the required authorship documents. However, they desired that their writings be placed in the book. As a result, their thoughts are credited to them by first name only.

The ABLE program staff members are worth their weight in gold. They are some of the most outstanding and effective service providers in the State of Michigan.

### **Introduction**

**By Recco Santee Richardson**

Written from the heart, this book is a collection of typical American teens' thoughts and ideas about life, education and their parents/guardians. I have authored and co-authored several books over the years. I enjoyed this one just as much. When teens speak out and share their feelings, it is not always to tear down others or gripe about what is wrong in their life. Sometimes, they just want others to know what they are thinking and what they have been through. They often desire a forum to help others via writing and expressing what they have learned over the years.

Teen years can be wonderful and they can be wicked. Successful teens may or may not start off on the right track; however, when they figure it out they can move forward at breakfast speed. Simply put, once on the right road, teens want success and more recognition.

So often, we seek and focus on finding adult mentors for teens. Yet, some of the most successful mentor/mentee relationships are those that feature teens paired with teens. The voice of a teen can carry much more weight with other teens, especially in critical areas. Sometimes indecisive or troubled teens need a word in season. They need to hear what has and has not worked for other teens. This is why group experiences are beneficial to teens. The positive and negative experiences of their teen peers have the ability to sink in and promote better future outcomes.

This book does not intend to offend or call out parents/guardians who have failed their teen. Rather, the goal is to keep things clear, concise, and filled with the energy and intent that each author intended when they penned their thoughts. The authors are not angry with their parents/guardians or the world. If anything they are inspired and feel that they have something important to say about their lives and needs.

In closing, this book is an effort to document the thoughts of today's teens and their experiences in life.

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# **Chapter 1:**

## **How We Feel About It**



# High School

“Watch how you tell time because it can go by fast.”- Marques

“Never kiss and tell.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Born to express, not to impress.”- Michael Fischer

“If it happens then it was meant to happen.”- Bryce Epps

“Strive to survive.”- Ruby

“Show love to everyone.”- Cameron

“Never say I can’t; always say I can.”- Shawntera Fischer

“Life is short; don’t waste it.”- Brandon Epps

“Build your own life, it’s yours and only yours.”- Anonymous

“When the voice in your head says no, hear it. Don’t deny it.”- Tim

“It does no good to get an education if you have no common sense.”- Charity

“If someone doesn’t see you your worth, they’re not worth it.”- Hannah Pettit

“Two wrongs don’t make a right.”- Willie

“When life knocks you down, pray and get up.”- Shawntera Fischer

“You create your future.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“It’s okay to be different, it takes being odd to be number one.” - Charity

“Treat people the way you want to be treated.”- Cameron

“When there’s nowhere to turn, make your own path.”- Anonymous

“When you have to choose, make the choice which suits you.”- Tim

“If you are here, who’s running hell?”- Michael Fischer

“Respect is not earned, it’s given.”- Brandon Epps

“Go where the wind takes you.”- Hannah Pettit

“Don’t let your test grade determine your future.”- Anonymous

“The older, the wiser.”- Bryce Epps

“Future consequences matter.”- Anonymous

“The only substitute for good manners is a fast reflex.”- Michael Fischer

“Quit complaining and do it.”- Hannah Pettit

“A wise mind helps the wise heart.”- Ruby

“You are what you make yourself out to be.”- Brandon Epps

“A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.”- Michael Fischer

“Keep your friends close and your enemies closer.”- Bri’ Ahna

“Don’t let your past map out your future.”- Anonymous

“Don’t let others influence your life choices.”- Tim

“Think big.”- Tim

“Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top.”- Willie

“Issues not addressed properly, become self-fulfilling prophecy.”- Charity

“Bad things that happen in the past, can end up with a better future.”- Hannah Pettit

“Live and learn.”- Bryce Epps

“Befriend your enemies, you many soon need them.”- Bryce Epps

“You fail when you quit.”- Willie

“Silence can be so loud.”- Bri’ Ahna

“Success is for everyone.”- Brandon Epps

“Give respect to get it.”- Cameron

“Relax and breathe.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Things aren’t always going to be easy, but they won’t be hard forever.”- Hannah Pettit

“A day for firm decisions.”- Michael Fischer

“I will not let an exam’s results decide my fate.”- Charity

“Help the help.”- Ruby

“Your life is a blank canvas and you need to paint the picture.” - Ruby

“Each day is a chapter in your life story.”- Hannah Pettit

“Live and love life for as long as you can.”- Cameron

“Take your own path in; this is not the time to follow the leader.”- Tim

“Apologize now or regret it later.”- Cameron

“Life is what you make it.”- Brandon Epps

“The quietest people can be the most violent.”- Bri’ Ahna

“Don’t bully others, they might be your boss one day.”- Anonymous

“You get out what you put in.”- Willie

“The road to success can’t always be seen.”- Anonymous

“Be an example and not the wrong answer.”- Anonymous

“Be yourself and not what everyone wants you to be.”- Brandon Epps

“Life is a roller coaster inside of a maze.”- Michael Fischer

“Don’t hate, appreciate.”- Ruby

“Focus on yourself, not others.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Beauty hurts.”- Anonymous

“At the end of something bad, there is always something good.”- Bri’ Ahna

“You were young a long time ago.”- Charity

“When you don’t feel comfortable, stop what you’re doing.” - Anonymous

“Train your mind to see good in everything.”- Michael Fischer

“Don’t give up.”- Cameron

“Happiness is for everyone.”- Brandon Epps

“A good home starts with a strong foundation.”- Willie

“You can’t always play it safe.” - Anonymous

“Life isn’t always sunshine and happiness.”- Hannah Pettit

“Appreciate the things you can’t see.”- Michael Fischer

“Look at things in a positive way.”- Cameron

“I have a dream.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“When in doubt, sing!”- Bri-Ahna

“If you question if you’re done, you’re not.”- Tim

“If you’re a fool, you can be schooled.”- Ruby

“Don’t start things you can’t finish.” - Anonymous

“The truth may hurt, being lied to hurts more.”- Bri-Ahna

“Be kind like a glass of wine.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Honesty is the key to freedom.”- Brandon Epps

“Passion is the genesis of genius.”- Michael Fischer

“Don’t let people determine your life.”- Anonymous

“Hard work and dedication pays off.”- Ruby

“Try your hardest, even if it’s not your best.” - Anonymous

“Try your best.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Exams are society’s methods of determining you’re worth.”- Charity

“Spending time alone may be the best option.”- Bri-Ahna

“Bad situations aren’t the worst.”- Anonymous

“Reading opens doors to new worlds.”- Hannah Pettit

“Just love people, it helps life get better.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Never give up and never give in.”- Ruby

“You can rebuild from being torn down, crushed, and burned.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“Never let somebody put you down.”- Brandon Epps

“A positive act leads to positive consequences.”- Ruby

“Words can hurt and silence tells a different story.”- Hannah Pettit

“Don’t let love blind you.”- Anonymous

“We’re all prisoners in this game we call life.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“Don’t let people kill your vibe.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“It takes a wise person to see their own flaws.”- Michael Fischer

“Negativity doesn’t go far when you want something.”- Hannah Pettit

“No pain, no gain, no shame.”- Ruby

“Don’t let something little, ruin something so big.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“Just do it.”- Charity

“Trust Few.”- Anonymous

“Don’t burn fire with fire.”- Ruby

“When nothing goes right, go left.”- Michael Fischer

“Learn to be happy when you succeed and happy in your mistakes.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“Be brave, you’re a super hero.”- Ruby

“Live your life like you only have one day left.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“Pick the right lane.”- Anonymous

“Your life is an open book.”- Hannah Pettit

“If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything.”- Bryce E. Epps

“Act as if it were impossible to fail.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Everyone is special in their own special way.”- Ruby

“Don’t, just don’t.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“Don’t ever stop to think and then forget to start again.”- Michael Fischer

“Always be positive.”- Anonymous

“Always believe!”- Ruby

“If you don’t build your dreams, you will build another’s dreams.”- Charity

“Make or break.”- Ruby

“Education is the key, school is the lock.”- Charity

“Be classy and never trashy.”- Vivika Gonzalez

“Love life.”- Anonymous

“People may not like you, your opinion of yourself is what matters.”- Hannah Pettit

# Middle School

“Treat people the way you want to be treated.”- Daniel

“Get good grades.”- Anonymous

“You’ve got to enjoy the little things.” - Nicholas

“Do good in school.”- She’Onte

“Focus on your work.”- Anonymous

“Live life to the fullest.” - Yelena Reed

“Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.” - Anonymous

“Although life is unfair, you still have to try.”- Austin

“You can fly if you only believe.” - Rayvonte

“Be kind to others.” - Daniel

“Don’t let anyone get beside you.”- Anonymous

“Stay strong.”- Dakota

“Keep your thoughts to yourself.”- Anonymous

“Don’t judge others by their appearance.” – Nicholas

“Life is too short, don’t waste it.”- Anonymous

“Don’t be a dropout.”- She’Onte

“If the shoe fits, wear it.” - Daniel

“Dreamers are believers.” - Rayvonte

“Always push.”- Kevin

“You have the power to succeed.”- Yelena Reed

“Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t.”- Danny

“Listen.”- Anonymous

“Life is about how you present yourself.” - Daniel

“Don’t be rude.”- She’Onte

“You don’t need friends.”- Anonymous

“Nothing will ever be handed to you.” - Rayvonte

“Fight for your life.” - Dakota



“Don’t let the past define you.”- Yelena Reed

“Get good grades.”- She’Onte

“Stop and think before you act.”- Austin

“Today is a new day to have a smile on your face.” - Daniel

“Be kind.”- Anonymous

“Don’t slow down in life.”- Kevin

“Learn to love life.”- Anonymous

“Never let the past mess up your future.” - Daniel

“Try harder.”- Anonymous

“Don’t let people take advantage of you.”- She’Onte

“You are the only one that counts.” - Dakota

“Hunt what you can’t kill.” - Rayvonte

“Give effort and you will receive success.”- Yelena Reed

“Never pray for an easier life, pray for the strength to endure.” - Daniel

“Stay focused on what you’re doing and your thoughts.” - Anonymous

“Be helpful to people who need help.”- Anonymous

“Don’t bully.”- She’Onte

“Success is a game that anyone can win.”- Yelena Reed

“Never back down.” - Dakota

“Follow directions.”- Anonymous

“When life gives you lemons, use the force.”- Nicholas

“Learning is remembering and adding to.” - Rayvonte

“Pay attention in class.”- She’Onte

“Do well. Don’t be bad.”- Anonymous

“Money can’t buy you love.”- Austin

“One action can bring you up or tear you down.”- Yelena Reed

“Be yourself.”- Danny

“Be a leader, not a follower.”- She’Onte

“Saying thank you works miracles.”- Anonymous

“Don’t be afraid to ask for help.” - Rayvonte

“Be respectful to adults and others.”- She’Onte

“Don’t let your head get to you.”- Anonymous

“Keep calm and ask Yoda.” – Nicholas

“Family is forever.” - Dakota

“Try and you can succeed.”- Yelena Reed

“Always say thank you.”- Rayvonte

“Always tell the truth.”- She’Onte

“Try changing what you have been doing.”- Anonymous

“Work harder.”- Rayvonte

“Show the world you’re worth it.”- Kris

“Be responsible for your own behavior.”- She’Onte

“Blood is thicker than water.” - Dakota

“I’m sorry for things I’ve done in the past.”- Anonymous

“Think before you act.” - Nicholas

“Say stuff nice.”- She’Onte

“Show effort.”- Anonymous

“Your actions can change a life.”- Yelena Reeds

“Don’t give up on yourself.”- Amanda Craft

“Help each other out.”- She’Onte

“Keep your head up.”- Anonymous

“Be truthful.”- William

“I just want to hear them say good job.”- Dakota

“When you get bullied, ignore it.” - Nicholas

“Be bold.”- Anonymous

“Don’t be messy and mean.”- She’Onte

“Have faith that you can do anything.”- Anonymous

“Be the change that you want to see in the world.”- Anonymous

“Keep on going.”- Anonymous

“Be bold, brave, and strong.” - Dakota

“The dumbest question is the one never asked.” – Nicholas

“Life is what you make it.”- Yelena Reed

“Come prepared.”- She’Onte

“When you’re down, talk to someone.”- Anonymous

“Be a gentleman.”- Kris

“Compliment others.” – Nicholas

“Time never stops.” - Dakota Diem

“Always be safe.”- She’Onte Robbs

“Give a push up to get a pull up.”- Anonymous

“Don’t give up.”- Anonymous

“Give good and you will receive good.”- Yelena Reed

“Stop the bullying, stop the violence.”- Austin

“Don’t talk when other people are speaking.”- She’Onte

“Keep calm and stay strong.” - Nicholas

“Show love, but not just any type of love.”- Anonymous

“Love others.”- Nicholas

“Fight life to win.” - Dakota

“Have courage and you can succeed.”- Yelena Reed

“You have the brains.”- Anonymous

“Push yourself.”- Rayvonte

“Don’t hate unless you want to be hated on.”- Austin

“It doesn’t matter what others think, it matters what you think.” – Nicholas

“Be grateful that you’re living.”- Anonymous

“Know yourself.”- Anonymous

“Look at the speaker when they are talking.”- She’Onte

“Be brave.”- Nicholas

“Go into your battles ready.” - Dakota

“Don’t judge someone by their past.”- Yelena Reed

“Work hard for your dreams.”- Anonymous

“The past can change your future.”- Yelena Reed

“Don’t go down the wrong path.”- Austin

“God will be there all your life.”- Anonymous

“Don’t be scared.”- Anonymous

“Don’t worry about others.”- Anonymous

“The present can make your future.”- Yelena Reed

“Make your mom proud.”- Rayvonte

“It doesn’t matter what color you are, we’re all human.” - Nicholas

“Don’t give up on God.”- Anonymous

“Be good and nice to everyone.”- Austin

“Don’t start the problem.” - Nicholas

# Staff

“Be happy when all is chaotic.” - Theresa Gonzales

“A true education requires true dedication.” – Shuntai Beaugard

“Hope is always available.”- Laurie Doerner

“When in doubt, don’t.”- Recco Richardson

“Live long enough and you will figure it out.” – Anthony Ennis

“You are a survivor.”- Theresa Gonzales

“Even summer ends, what happens if it never comes around again.”- Jordan Johnson

“Dare to dream big.” - Laurie Doerner

“Things not discussed will haunt the future.” - Recco Richardson

“Impossible [I am possible] is only in your head.” - Laurie Doerner

“Do what you can, for those you can, if you can.” - Anthony Ennis

“Love yourself first, then others.” - Recco Richardson

“A test is not about who’s the best, it’s about separating from others.” - Shuntai Beaugard

“Walk it out.” - Anthony Ennis

“Be the light in someone else’s darkness.” - Jordan Johnson

“Never forget, just forgive.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Know yourself well.” - Laurie Doerner

“What you pursue hard will bless you.” - Recco Richardson

“Love the life you live or live the life you love.” – Shuntai Beaugard

“Speak up for the weak.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Don’t feed into negativity.” - Anthony Ennis

“Negativity is poison.” - Laurie Doerner

“Quitters need company, winners fly solo.” - Recco Richardson

“A frozen heart will freeze your life.” - Jordan Johnson

“Still I rise!” - Laurie Doerner

“Settling for average is terrible.” - Recco Richardson

“Our greatness is not from never falling, it’s from getting up every time.”- Cameron Simmington

“Ignore ignorance.” - Anthony Ennis

“Hunger is a motivator.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Be the sun that illuminates for all to see.” - Jordan Johnson

“All is not lost, success has a cost.” - Shuntai Beaugard

“Serenity and self-respect is the key.” - Laurie Doerner

“Joy is the key to success.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Listen to others who are wiser.” - Theresa Gonzales.

“Who will you believe, yourself or others?”- Recco Richardson

“Feed your soul so when the time comes, you’re not afraid to fly.” - Jordan Johnson

“I can do it.” - Laurie Doerner

“The sun shines on all of us every once and awhile.” - Anthony Ennis

“The truth always rises to the top.” - Recco Richardson

“When others say you can’t, you can.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Never allow people to scuff the floor of your heart.” - Jordan Johnson

“Smile more, whine less.” - Laurie Doerner

“Laugh often, it keeps you young.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Praying always helps keep the right perspective.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Hard work beats talent any day.” - Recco Richardson

“Keep it real if you’re the real deal.” - Shuntai Beaugard

“Be aware of your surroundings.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Failure is a mindset, not an act.” - Recco Richardson

“Only look back if you’re looking forward.” - Cameron Simmington

“Your beauty is your beauty.” - Jordan Johnson

“If it is to be, it’s up to me.” - Recco Richardson

“Speak only when asked.” - Theresa Gonzales

“If you’re going through hell, keep going.”- Anthony Ennis

“Always think before you speak.” - Theresa Gonzales

“A Life of peace is important to your overall health.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Nothing anyone does surprises me.” - Recco Richardson

“Give respect to all people.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Remember that God is in control.”- Theresa Gonzales

“Respect yourself.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Find love in all the hate.” - Jordan Johnson

“Admit when you’re wrong.” - Cameron Simmington

“Don’t have too many friends.” - Recco Richardson

“Be the best, better than the rest.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Fight for what you believe in.” - Cameron Simmington

“I see the best in you.” - Shuntai Beaugard

“Being kind is the key to a happy life.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Smile more.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Life is what you make it.” - Recco Richardson

“Greatness was destined to be yours.” - Jordan Johnson

“Those that don’t dream can only watch.” - Recco Richardson

“Reach up.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Try to see beauty in each day.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Walking helps keep a clear head.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Your agony doesn’t compare to your greatness.” - Recco Richardson

“Speak only when spoken to.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Love what you do.” - Theresa Gonzales

“You don’t need a friend to be the true you.” - Shuntai Beaugard

“Internal ugliness will one day make a physical appearance.” - Jordan Johnson

“What you focus on becomes a reality.” - Recco Richardson



“Go against the grain.” - Cameron Simmington

“Your steps were ordered in the direction that suits you best.” - Jordan Johnson

“Your mind and your thoughts can cancel others out.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Life is a gift.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Read and follow directions.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Be trustworthy.” - Theresa Gonzales.

# **Chapter 2:**

# **Parenting**

# High School

“Your parents are your mentors.”- Brandon Epps

“They work hard so you can live.” - Undrea Fischer

“I love you.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“Don’t let your parents’ choices define yours.” - Tim

“I love you guys, you’re my reason to be.” - Ruby

“Put yourself in my shoes.”- Charity

“Parents are irritating.”- Anonymous

“Never argue with your parents, you won’t win.” - Donnell

“Don’t take their love for granted.” - Undrea Fischer

“I will be successful with or without you.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“I just need some space.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“There is a reason why parents say don’t talk to strangers.” - Bri’Ahna

“Parents push us to be successful.” - Undrea Fischer

“Some parents are an obstacle that you must overcome.” - Brandon Epps

“Not being there feels the same as not existing.” - Kandice Martin

“Just because they’re your parents, they can still be your friend.” - Tim

“Respect your elders.”- Ruby

“Parents want the best for you.” - Anonymous

“Never let their hand go.” - Undrea Fischer

“Dad, where you at?” - Anonymous

“Never doubt me.” - Charity

“Your dad is a weight that will make you stronger.” - Brandon Epps

“Why didn’t he love us enough to stay.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“Motivation is the lesson they give.” - Undrea Fischer

“Some parents are hypocrites.” – Anonymous

“When your parents say no, resist the urge to say yes.” - Tim

“They make nothing into something to make you happy.” - Kandice Martin

“Parents keep it real with you.” - Naasia

“What happened to the promise that you’ll never leave.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Are like best friends that give you life lessons.” - Ruby

“Your mom is a cloud that will carry you a long way.” - Brandon Epps

“Why won’t they stop hurting me?” - Anonymous

“Give your parents the break they deserve.” - Undrea Fischer

“Tell your parents what’s going on, don’t hide the truth.” - Tim

“Thanks for nothing.” - Anonymous

“You don’t deserve to be called a father.” - Anonymous

“I appreciate the love and loyalty.” - Ruby

“But I don’t want to help them with their math.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“Your parents are idols for you to look up to.” - Brandon Epps

“My daddy was my hero.” - Naasia

“They are your parents, not your enemies.” - Tim

“I have always wondered what it would be like to have a father.” - Anonymous

“Trust that they love you.” - Undrea Fischer

“Parents teach us not to lie, but they make up people like Santa.” - Anonymous

“Your dad is your handyman.” - Ruby

“Success is in my life, even if you’re not.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“They love you when no one else does.” - Kandice Martin

“Please don’t leave me.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“Discuss a problem, don’t argue about it.” - Anonymous

“I am not you, I am better.” - Anonymous

“Your parents are your role models.” - Ruby

“Thank you daddy for not letting boys hurt me.” - Naasia

“If they are hurting, ask what’s wrong. Don’t just ignore them.” - Tim

“I just need your love and support.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“Act as if he’s not your Step-Father.” - Undrea Fischer

“Parents prepare you for the real world.” - Bri’ Ahna

“I hate when you mess up.” - Ruby

“Do you love me like I love you.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“If they are yelling, you can be the thing that calms them down.” - Tim

“They might not understand your actions.” - Kandice Martin

“Thank you for giving me home training.” - Naasia

“No man gives good real talks like your dad.” - Ruby

“Thanks for being my shoulder to cry on.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“You’ll miss them when they are gone.” - Undrea Fischer

“What happened to you being my rock?” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Be my parents before being my best friend.” - Naasia

“M.O.M (made of money).” - Charity

“Your parents know right from wrong.” - Ruby

“They are about you, but you must learn to care for yourself.” - Tim

“Mothers’ realize your fake friends before you do.” - Bri’ Ahna

“They deserve help.” - Undrea Fischer

“If I make a mistake, let me learn from it.” - Anonymous

“You only get one mom.” - Donnell

“This is a new century.” - Charity

“Be there for me emotionally.” - Naasia

“You were right.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“Love her before you lose her.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Your parents know best.” - Ruby

“You gave me life and I thank you.” - Undrea Fischer

“It hurts them more than it hurts you.” - Kandice Martin

“Mothers know best.” - Charity

“Your parents are your wise help.” - Ruby

“Dads? What are those?” - Anonymous

“Surprise them, make them happy.” - Tim

“Make sure I don’t make the same mistake.” - Naasia

“You only get one mother and father, don’t take advantage of them.” - Bri’Ahna

“I love you, but please go away.” - Zophieia Gonzalez

“You’re my blessing.” - Ruby

“Be a parent, not a friend.”- Undrea Fischer

“Thank you for accepting me, and taking care of Me.” - Ruby

“Your parents want the best for you.” - Donnell

“Your parents never would do, nor tell you wrong, like others will.” - Ruby

“Give your child space.” - Kandice Martin

“Don’t make them yell, listen the first time.” - Tim

“Stop nagging me.”- Zophieia Gonzalez

“You taught me everything I know.” - Ruby

“My parents didn’t raise a dummy.” - Naasia

“When you have no one to look to, talk to your mom.” - Bri’Ahna

“If you don’t trust your kids, they won’t be honest.” - Kandice Martin

“Your child is the author of their own story.” - Anonymous

“When I get home I look for my mom, I feel better when I see her.” - Bri’Ahna

“You always believe in me.” - Ruby

“Your parents are always right.” - Donnell

“You may not like them, but you will always love them.” - Kandice Martin

“Parents think they are always right about everything.” - Naasia

# Middle School



“You brought us in this world.”- She’Onte

“Your parents will always be there.”- Ron’Naejha

“Don’t complain about what you have, it could have been all they had.”- Yelena Reed

“My mother is humble.” - Nicholas

“Parents can pick you up from a bad day with their words.”- Anonymous

“My mom taught me to be respectful.”- She’Onte

“I love when you get me things.” - Anonymous

“My dad is good at disappearing.”- William

“My mother buys me clothes.”- She’Onte

“Be thankful your parents are here to see everything.”- Ron’Naejha

“My father is kind.” - Nicholas

“You may not have powers, but you will always be my hero.” - Yelena Reed

“I hate when you give other people things, but not me.” - Anonymous

“My mother is trying her best.” - William

“Dad, a deadbeat.”- Anonymous

“Your parents will never give up on you.”- Ron’Naejha

“Not all heroes wear capes.” - Yelena Reed

“My mom is sweet as can be, but she can be green as can be.”- Anonymous

“I love when we wrestle and fight.” - Anonymous

“My mother is mine.” - Nicholas

“I love how you’re always there for me when no one else is.” - Anonymous

“I love the way you joke with me.” - Amanda

“Boring and weird describes them best.” - Anonymous

“Put clothes on my back and make sure I eat good.” - Anonymous

“No matter what goes on, your parents love you.”- Ron’Naejha

“My parents may always yell at me, but that’s to make sure I succeed.” - Yelena Reed

“Don’t count on my dad.”- Anonymous

“My father is loyal.” - Nicholas

“Be happy and proud that you see your parents every day.”- Ron’Naejha

“Parents are like memories, you’ll never forget them.” - Yelena Reed

“I love when you say that you’ll be there no matter what.” - Anonymous

“You’re so awesome.” - Amanda Craft

“Always been there.” -William

“He is disrespectful.”- Anonymous

“Be happy your parents are in your life.”- Ron’Naejha

“I would like to be cared for more by you.” - Anonymous

“Parents are like the law, they help you to succeed.” - Yelena Reed

“Confusing to some degree.” - William

“I love when you make it seem like nobody else is in the world.” - Anonymous

“My mom puts a roof over my head.”- She’Onte

“I love the fact that you take me places.” - Amanda Craft

“I love when you wink at me.” - Anonymous

“I like it when you care more about me than anybody else.” - Anonymous

“Don’t give up on your parents.”- Ron’Naejha

“Parents are like food, you’ll always love it.” - Yelena Reed

“Gets me from place to place.”- She’Onte

“The thing I mostly love is to wake up and see them.” - Anonymous

“I love it when you call me a winner even when I lose.” -Anonymous

“Respect your parents, you never know when they will die”- Ron’Naejha

“I love you dearly, but you make me mad.” - Amanda Craft

“My wish is that my parents will always stay by my side.” - Yelena Reed

“Speaking of my dad, I must say that I don’t like him.”- Anonymous

“They taught me to forgive, and forget.” - Anonymous

“Sometimes you make me feel not wanted.” - Anonymous

“Your parents will always have your back.”- Ron’Naejha

“My dad loves when I get good grades.” - Anonymous

“You are blessed that your parents care about you.”- Ron’Naejha

“Sometimes they say things that make me angry.” - Anonymous

“I don’t like it when you send my friends away.” - Amanda Craft

“They put a roof over my head.”- Anonymous

“I like how you cheer me on, even when I think I can’t” - Yelena Reed

“I like it when you say nice things about me.” - Amanda Craft

“Neither of my parents respects me.”- Anonymous

“I hate when you never say yes.”- Anonymous

“My mom taught me how to pray.” - Anonymous

“My success is because of my parents.” - Yelena Reed

“I love how you tell me jokes.” – Anonymous

“They motivate me to not give up.” - Anonymous

“Don’t have me out here looking like a bum, like other people.”- Anonymous

“I don’t like when you say you don’t love me anymore.” - Amanda Craft

“‘Clean up your room,’ is my mom’s favorite saying.”- She’Onte

“Be respectful to your parents.”- Ron’Naejha

“I don’t like when you yell at me.” - Anonymous

“Irritating, there I said it.”- Anonymous

“I don’t like it when we fight.” - Anonymous

“Enjoy your parents.”- Ron’Naejha

“They’re there when I’m not in the best mood.” - Anonymous

“I don’t like it when you ground me.” - Amanda Craft

“They make my day.”- Anonymous

# Staff

“Mother's are their children's first teachers.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Tell your children you love them on a daily basis.” - Theresa Gonzales

“My dad was right about a lot of things.” - Recco Richardson

“Sometimes it’s not the parents’ fault.” - Jordan Johnson

“If momma ain’t happy, nobody will be happy.”- Recco Richardson

“It’s okay to be wrong and admit it.” - Jordan Johnson

“It doesn’t matter if you’re a biological or a step parent, your responsibility is to love, guide and support your children.” - Tony Ennis

“What part of the word “NO” didn’t you understand?” - Tony Ennis

“None of us had a daddy, get over it.” - Recco Richardson

“Thank you for all you have done.” - Recco Richardson

“Your children are the product of your rights and wrongs.” - Jordan Johnson

“Mothers should nurture their daughters, not compete with them.” - Recco Richardson

“Parents can be present and absent at the same time.” - Jordan Johnson

“Mom, don’t let your boyfriend eat up all of the food.” - Recco Richardson

“I appreciate your presence, rather than your presents.” - Jordan Johnson

“I accept that you didn’t have it to give it to me.” - Recco Richardson

“Just how many girlfriends do you need?” - Recco Richardson

“Take the time to know who I am, not who you want me to be.” - Jordan Johnson

“Dad, you make me wonder what’s wrong with me.” - Recco Richardson

“Never do anything you wouldn’t want your children to do.” - Tony Ennis

“Is this a loan or a gift? Because if it’s a loan, I want to know when you plan to repay it. If it’s a gift...you need to ask if I feel like giving.” - Tony Ennis

“Treat your children all the same; favoritism divides families.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Talk to them and stop the yelling.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Sometimes I feel like a guinea pig and you want me to get over it.” - Jordan Johnson

“We didn’t have much, but we had enough.” - Recco Richardson

“Coming home to an empty house isn’t fun.” - Recco Richardson

“I’m so sorry for breaking your heart.” - Jordan Johnson

“One last time, they are my siblings, not my children.” - Recco Richardson

“Do I love you? I just don’t like your behaviors right now.” - Tony Ennis

“I will always Love you...unconditionally.” - Tony Ennis

“Listen with a loving ear.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Children hear and watch everything you do.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Did you ever think that maybe I just wanted you to take my side?” - Jordan Johnson

“Tell your children you are proud of them.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Breathe when you are overwhelmed.” - Theresa Gonzales

“I feel safe when you are around.” - Recco Richardson

“I fight hard for my brother, because I know how I turned out.” - Jordan Johnson

“Be available, your children will call you when they need you.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Mother's are the foundation of the home.” - Theresa Gonzales

“I will never forget the good times.” - Recco Richardson

“I forgive you, even when my flesh doesn’t want to believe it.” - Jordan Johnson

“I will always cherish our family trips.” - Recco Richardson

“Allow your children to be children.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Children are happy when you are happy.” - Theresa Gonzales

“You are the reason for my success, but that’s not all I need.” - Jordan Johnson

“You are the wind beneath my wings.” - Recco Richardson

“Most times I just need you to listen more and judge less.” - Jordan Johnson

“I’m starting to look more like you.” - Recco Richardson

“If you want to win over your children, love them.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Thank your children when they do something for you.” - Theresa Gonzales

“No need to feel sorry for me.” - Jordan Johnson

“Sometimes I wish you would just apologize.” - Recco Richardson

“I will be okay, you are released, I let you go.” - Jordan Johnson

“It means the world to me for you to be proud of me.” - Recco Richardson

“Teach your children by respecting them.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Mom, remember when you were a child and wanted to be heard?” - Theresa Gonzales

“Why did you have so many kids?” - Recco Richardson

“Listen the first time.” - Jordan Johnson

“The small things you did, really matter now.” - Recco Richardson

“Take the time to understand where they come from” - Jordan Johnson

“I need attention from you too.” - Recco Richardson

“It’s your responsibility to take care of them as much as it’s theirs to take care of you.” - Jordan Johnson

“Go, do, be.” - Tony Ennis

“If your friends jumped off of a bridge, would you follow them?” - Tony Ennis

“I don’t care if their parents got them one, you’re not getting it.” - Tony Ennis

“Consistency is the key to successful parenting.” - Theresa Gonzales

“See the beauty in your family.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Teach your children self regulation.” - Theresa Gonzales

# Chapter 3: Education



# High School

“Education is the key to success.” - Brandon Epps

“Girls from other countries aren’t allowed to learn.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Get financed with knowledge.” - Ruby

“Don’t try to be better than the rest, just be your best.” - Tim

“Hard work pays off.” - Shawntera Fischer

“What we learn becomes a part of who we are.” - Naasia

“Get your education while it’s free.” - Bri’Ahna

“Without an education, life’s not fair.” - Anonymous

“Education will take me far.” - Kandice Martin

“Failure is not an option.” - Undrea Fischer

“Every day you make history when you succeed.” - Charity

“All students are teachable.” - Brandon Epps

“Be proud of what you learn.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“It’s okay not to know.”- Naasia

“Kids today play with their education.” - Bri’Ahna

“How you spend your time in school is how well you’ll do.” - Hannah Pettit

“Learn to be better.” - Ruby

“You have to want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe.” - Anonymous

“You’re not done until you feel proud.” - Tim

“If you stay focused, your life will be easier.” - Bri’Ahna

“Intelligence is the leader.” - Undrea Fischer

“Don’t just teach kids, teach them what counts.” - Naasia

“Make the best of what you’re given.” - Kandice Martin

“Every day is a new lesson.” - Brandon Epps

“Teachers learn from students too.” - Charity

“Get to school on time.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Take your knowledge and put it to use.” - Ruby

“Some credit is better than no credit.” - Bri’Ahna

“You get out what you put in.” - Shawntera Fischer

“You can’t succeed if you never try.” - Tim

“If you want to succeed, you have to put the work in.” - Kandice Martin

“Education is the door to a bright future.” - Anonymous

“Let your mind be like a hot air balloon; let it soar.” - Charity

“New experiences are everywhere.” - Brandon Epps

“Education is not the learning of facts, but it is training the mindset.” - Naasia

“We don’t use all that is in life.” - Undrea Fischer

“Do your best and graduate.” - Bri’Ahna

“Show what you know.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Change the world.” - Ruby

“Your best is yours.” - Tim

“Wisdom is the difference.” - Charity

“Open a book to great success.” - Anonymous

“You can learn a lesson from anyone.” - Brandon Epps

“Respect the brain.” - Naasia

“Take in what’s being taught.” - Vivika Gonzalez

“Reach your potential.” - Ruby

“School is great, once you graduate.” - Bri’Ahna

“Listen and you will prosper.” - Kandice Martin

“Life starts with education.” - Undrea Fischer

“Every day you live, is another lesson learned.” - Brandon Epps

“You’re not done, even if you can go no further.” - Tim

“Education is the key to greatness.” - Shawntera Fischer

“Keep your head straight.” - Raygan

“No one can take your education.” - Naasia

“You’re never smart enough.” - Ruby

“You can feel proud when you’ve reached the top.” - Tim

“When you know better, you do better.” - Ruby

“Some lessons can’t be taught, they simply have to be learned.” - Willie

“Some don’t have this opportunity.” - Undrea Fischer

“It feels good to know that education has your back.” - Kandice Martin

“Even if you doubt yourself, you should still try.” - Tim

“Even the smallest mind has enough room for knowledge.” - Ruby

“If you give trash, you get trash.” - Shawntera Fischer

“Push yourself to the limit.” - Naasia

“Dream, dare, do!” - Charity

“School is stressful when you care about your grades.” - Bri’ Ahna

“People fight for this.” - Undrea Fischer

“Education is a mountain and you’re the climber.” - Tim

“A’s make money.” - Kandice Martin

“Learn the odds.” - Ruby

“You will fail, but you will also succeed.” - Tim

“If you can dream it, you can do it.” – Hannah Pettit

“Learning helps you make decisions in life.” - Ruby

“You control your future.” – Shawntera Fischer

“There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs.” - Naasia

“Education makes a difference.” - Kandice Martin

“Never stop learning because life never stops teaching.” - Willie

“When you reach the top, it’s time to start again.” - Tim

“Stand up to learn.” - Undrea Fischer

“School is nothing you should play with.” - Bri’ Ahna

“Intelligence plus character equals the education master plan.” - Charity

“Don’t waste your time studying five minutes before a test.” - Hannah Pettit

“Learning is the path and knowledge is the treasure.” - Ruby

“Never underestimate.” - Kandice Martin

“Goals don’t wait for you.” - Charity

“Learning is a gift, even if your teacher is a pain.” - Naasia

“If someone doubts you, just believe in yourself.” - Tim

“The difference between school and life is that school gives you a lesson and then a test, but life gives you a test and then a lesson.” - Willie

“Knowledge is more important in the long run.” - Hannah Pettit

“Education leads to excellence.” - Undrea Fischer

“When someone says you can’t, try harder.” - Tim

“Work hard, sleep harder.” - Charity

“No matter how many times you fall, you can always get back up.” - Hannah Pettit

“Be filled with knowledge because education is the pillar of power.” - Willie

“Open school doors, close prisons,” - Ruby

“If you can’t see the top, keep climbing.” - Tim

“High school is the step before your adulthood.” - Bri’Ahna

“Education helps you become someone important.” - Undrea Fischer

“Don’t let someone distract you from achieving your goals.” - Hannah Pettit

“Education is the key, school is the lock.” - Charity

“You don’t have to die trying, just try.” - Tim

“Education is the key to your future.” - Hannah Pettit

“School is a privilege.” - Undrea Fischer

# Middle School

“Be careful who your friends are because they can get you in trouble.” - Anonymous

“Don’t hang with the wrong crowd.” - Amanda Craft

“It’s education, not a vacation.” - Nicholas

“The smallest effort can get you the biggest success.” - Yelena Reed

“Education is for the rest of your life.” - Lonnie

“You should love school.” - Anonymous

“E’s are not for excellence.” - Rayvonte

“Make good choices.” - Korben

“If you pass through school, you’ll look really cool.” - Nicholas

“Success is a treasure that only you can find.” - Ricky Gonzalez

“Learning is remembering and adding.” - Ricky Gonzalez

“You are who you choose to be.” - Yelena Reed

“Education is what you need so that you don’t get lost.”- Anonymous

“Don’t be a bully; fight against it.” - Korben

“If you give effort, you will get success.” - Anonymous

“Drop out of school and you will be a fool.” - Lonnie

“College is the best.” – Ricky Gonzalez

“Make an effort, not an excuse.” - Amanda Craft

“Education is a gate way to life.” - Anonymous

“Go to college and get some knowledge.” - Nicholas

“Have no education, you can’t afford a vacation.” - Lonnie

“You have a free education, use it.” - Anonymous

“Stand up for what is right.” - Korben

“Do your work at school.” - Ricky Gonzalez

“Your future is up to you.” - Yelena Reed

“School is not for drama.” - Yelena Reed

“College is for people that do the work.” – Anonymous

“Finish school if you don’t want to live under a bridge.” - Nicholas

“Reading expands a person’s imagination.” - Anonymous

“Mirror mirror on the wall, I have goals and will achieve them all.” - Anonymous

“School is the best, forget the rest.” - Nicholas

“Education is everything that you need.”- Ricky Gonzalez

“When people put you down, let your grade go up.” - Anonymous

“Never give up.”- Korben

“No one has the power to get you success, but you.” - Yelena Reed

“Use your time wisely, don’t waste it.” - Anonymous

“Math is important.” - Anonymous

“School is worth it.” - Nicholas



# Staff

“It is the fruit we feed on that nourishes our minds.” - Tony Ennis

“Education gives us the tools we utilize to become what we aspire to be.” - Tony Ennis

“Without knowledge, especially of one’s self, what do we have?” - Tony Ennis

“When I learn something, it benefits others too.” - Recco Richardson

“Education is your job.” - Tony Ennis

“Education, you can’t go far without it.” - Theresa Gonzales

“There are a lot of minimum wage jobs without a good education.” - Theresa Gonzales

“The secret to learning is learning to love it.” - Recco Richardson

“Physical labor is what is waiting for you without a good education.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Don’t do menial things with your life, pursue education.” - Theresa Gonzales

“It is not easy sticking with education to the end.” - Recco Richardson

“Work hard with your mind not your body; education is the key!” - Theresa Gonzales

“Brain power comes from reading about new adventures.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Use a book to expand your horizons.” - Theresa Gonzales

“In education, there are no excuses.” - Recco Richardson

“Love of reading is important to your success.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Working hard with your mind is a part of the education process.” - Theresa Gonzales

“A good education is right up there with having good health.” - Recco Richardson

“If you don’t use your brain power, you definitely will lose it.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Uneducated people tend to clean up other peoples’ messes.” - Theresa Gonzales

“When learning takes place, people have a chance for joy.” - Recco Richardson

“Education it gives the ability to understand others.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Educate yourself -Read!” - Theresa Gonzales

“True learning never disguises itself.” - Recco Richardson

“When I think of education, I think of opportunity.”- Recco Richardson

“Education is the foundation of society.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Learning new things is important to improve yourself!” - Theresa Gonzales

“ Education is a treasure, when you get it you’re blessed.” - Recco Richardson

“Improve your pocket book, get an education.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Pretty much everything you need to know is written in a book.” - Recco Richardson

“Being around educated people is refreshing.” - Theresa Gonzales

“Education expands your lifestyle.” - Theresa Gonzales

“As a child, I never really did well in school.” - Recco Richardson

“Street smarts get you so far, book smarts get you farther!” - Theresa Gonzales

“Education is within your reach, go get it!” - Theresa Gonzales

“ I never regret my level of education.”- Recco Richardson

