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Over the past years of my life, there have always been some important people who support and impact positively to keep me moving forward. These people helped and encouraged me to stand up during difficult times, provided me with educational opportunities, and taught me how to become a better person. These people include my parents and teachers both in school and after school. The people that helped me the most when I first came to America are the teachers from UBSC.

I came to America when I was in sixth grade. I didn't understand English. I couldn't communicate nor understand what people around me were talking about. Luckily, I found UBSC, and I enrolled myself in the after-school program to improve my English. There, I met many students with similar situations as me and a group of excellent teachers with planned lectures. At that time, I was a timid person and my teacher, Mr. Kevin Hu, found out my problem. He told me if I want to improve, I must learn how to become more social and confident, he said: "don't be afraid of speaking in English, it is just a process of learning. If you are willing to put in the effort, you will get a good result back". He taught me the longest in UBSC, and I learned a lot from his class. I gradually started speaking English as I got more used to the environment at UBSC. Besides Kevin, there are many other teachers in UBSC who are amiable and responsible to all students. They raise my English to a sufficient level to read, write, listen and speak nearly the same as native speakers. Without them, I won't be able to adapt to the new environment and learn English quickly. Therefore, I feel very grateful to all the teachers and staff in UBSC.

I used to go to UBSC as a student and learned a lot from there. Now is the time to go back and contribute. As time passes by, I am now a teacher's assistant (TA) in UBSC. My job there is to help translate and explain to students who have questions about their curriculum. Also, keeping the class with minimum disruption so students can focus on what is being taught. Now we are in a pandemic; classes are online. My main job is to provide help to students who need help with their homework. I have a great time serving as a TA, and hopefully, students in UBSC are gaining more knowledge and improving every day.