

# SPRING VIEWS

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*Hope is the essence of life.* Without hope, a person cannot continue to live with passion and vitality. Hope also keeps people optimistic about the future. Personally, I see having a growth mindset as the strong part through which one becomes contemplative of the future. However, fear of the future is something mature, unlike what some people think. My fear of the future was strong until hope came in me and gave me relief. Hope not only gives me strength, but also makes the journey to the future easier. Thus, hope gives a positive mind power and generates an aura around me which protects me from the negatives. This is why hope is the essence of life for me. *Abdulaziz Alanazi, Saudi Arabia*

## *If Hope Were a Color*

If hope were a color, it would be yellow  
Like first light of the morning sun  
All feels new as the day is begun  
Like bright springtime daffodils  
Or chicken feet and duck bills  
Yellow says hope, you can start again  
It says, "Don't give up! You CAN win!"

*Susan Blahut*

If hope were a color, it would be blue  
Like the beautiful sky in the day  
It is clear and relaxing  
Blue says dreams  
You can believe in yourself  
It says, "Don't stop dreaming!  
Believe all that is possible!"

*Viviana Montañez, Colombia*

## *Even though I always wish the best, why is hope so important?*

Because hope is a healthy habit. Emily Dickinson said, "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all." Moreover, you are strong, brave, bright, and smart. You were given the gift of a beautiful heart, so keep going strong and try to achieve your goal. Last but not least, you can rise from anything. You can completely recreate yourself. Nothing is permanent. You're not stuck. You have choices. You can think of new thoughts. You can learn something new. All that matters is that you decide today and never lookback. *Yazeed Althemairy, Saudi Arabia*





### *Leaving My Country*

Two years ago my family and I, including my husband and three kids, decided to move to the United States, but I did not realize that moving would change our lives so much.

The hardest thing was trying to speak English. When I moved, it was exciting to start our new life, but suddenly I heard everybody speaking English. I had never spoken English before, and it was difficult for me to learn this language, especially when I wanted to speak to somebody.

However, the people in the U.S. were very understanding and helpful to me. That pushed me to not give up.

In conclusion, life is not easy. You must try every day, and never give up. *Nathalie Bibomba, Democratic Republic of Congo*

### *The Death of My Father*

I live in Denver with my husband and my kids because we are studying. However, my family still lives in Libya, my father, mother, sisters and my brothers. While I was living in Denver, I had a scary experience.

On December 11, 2020, at 7 a.m., I was studying for a test in my house. I opened my phone because I wanted to look at Face Book. Suddenly, I saw my Dad's picture with a small post. "Oh, my god!!" I felt nervous while I read the post. Finally, I understood the shocking news that my dad had died. I felt very depressed about my dad because he was my best friend. I hadn't seen him for six years.

I will never forget my father. He was my hero because he took care of me like always, and he called me because he wanted to check that I was ok. Now I can't hear my dad's voice, and the only memory I have left is his picture.

Never forget to talk to your dad and your mother or visit them. I miss talking to my father. I will never forget my hero. *Aisha Alghamoudi, Libya*

### *Best Friends Are Helpful and Dependable*

Two of my favorite people are Ali and Tim. They are similar in that they both live in the US. They also both enjoy traveling. In fact, every year they visit new places, and they learn about new cultures. Although Ali and Tim are similar in some ways, they are different in terms of appearance, lifestyle, and career.

First, Ali is short and he has black hair. Although he is a busy man, Ali plays soccer every weekend. In terms of career, Ali studies and teaches at the same time, and his major is Biology.

On the other hand, Tim is tall and he has brown hair. In regards to lifestyle, while Ali is usually busy, Tim enjoys a lot of free time, but he doesn't do exercise. Instead, he plays video games. In terms of career, unlike Ali, Tim has earned a high level of education. Whereas Ali is a professor of Biology, Tim has been studying since 2019.

In conclusion, these are two of my best friends. I like to travel and visit with them. They always help me and I can depend on them. *Mohammed Albeladi, Saudi Arabia*

### *Enjoy Your Flight!*

When I was 25 years old, I had a flight at Khaled international airport from Riyadh to Jeddah to get a student visa from the U.S. embassy. While I was traveling from Riyadh to Jeddah, I had a scary experience.

That day at 2 a.m., I woke up because I needed to drive to the airport. I tried to find a long term parking lot, but I wasted a lot of time searching for one. I parked the car very far away, and I waited for a shuttle to take me, but he didn't come. I called the bus driver, and he told me, "It takes 20 minutes (*cont. p.3*)"

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to get to the international airport, and I will not move for 30 minutes.” I didn’t have 40 minutes to wait, so I just called Uber, and they took me to the international airport. After I got to the airport, I ran very fast because I had only five minutes before my flight took off. When I was very close, they closed the door of the plane. I begged a flight security officer to speak with the captain to request permission for me to board the flight. I told him, “I need to go to Jeddah because I have a meeting at the US Embassy in Jeddah.” Finally, he granted my request.

In conclusion, there are several things to consider if you have to travel. My first advice to anyone who flies on an airplane is to arrive five hours early because you never know what will happen to delay you. My second advice is to go to bed early. This will help you wake up in time. Enjoy your flight!

*Meshal Alsadun, Saudi Arabia*



## *An Unexpected Visitor*

Four years ago before moving to the United States, I lived in Kinshasa with my small family. Most of the time, we didn't have any problems in the house. However, while I was living in Congo, I had a scary experience.

One day, I received an unexpected snake visit in my house. While I was sleeping in my bedroom, the snake got in my bedroom through the door. Before accessing my bed, my children saw it and cried “Snake!” Suddenly, I woke up and jumped up on the bed, and ran out of the bedroom. My family and I were scared because it was our first time to experience this. I wasn't able to fight this snake alone, and we decided to request help from our neighbor. Someone came for help, and together we tracked and fought the snake. Finally, the snake was killed.

Since this day, we decided never to keep the main living room door and kitchen door open as we usually do during the day. In order to keep the home free of snakes, here is some more advice: Cleaning and removing unused devices can prevent snakes from finding shelter around the house. These are ways to avoid the scary experience I had. *Didier Kakule, Democratic Republic of Congo*

## *Doctors and Teachers Serve Humanity*

Two of the most important occupations are a doctor and teacher. They are similar because they are both careers, they work paid or unpaid, and they both serve humanity. Although they are the same in some ways, they are different in terms of location, duties, and education requirements.

A doctor usually works at the hospital, and small clinics. In terms of duties, a doctor helps people to have good health. He/she checks what the health problem for the patient is, and gives him/her some medicine and advice in health. In addition, regarding education, a doctor needs to graduate from medical school in college and get a lot of practical medical experience.

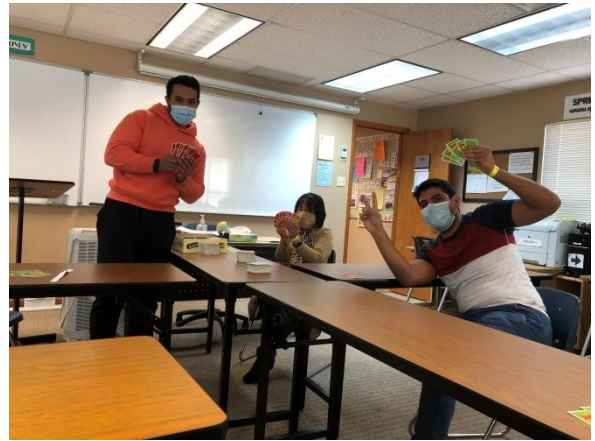
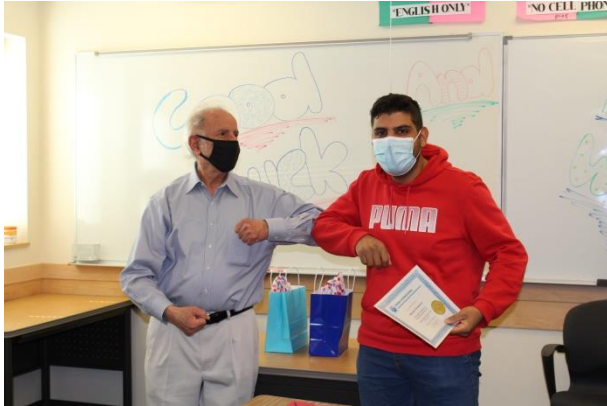
Unlike the doctor, the teacher works at a school or college or home. Whereas doctors help people with health, teachers help people to get a good education through lessons, homework, and exams. Finally, teachers are graduates of teaching colleges and get experience teaching.

In conclusion, these two occupations are the most important in our life. We need them for our whole life because they save our health and life, and they give us a good education which is very important to our future. *Maha Othman, Saudi Arabia*

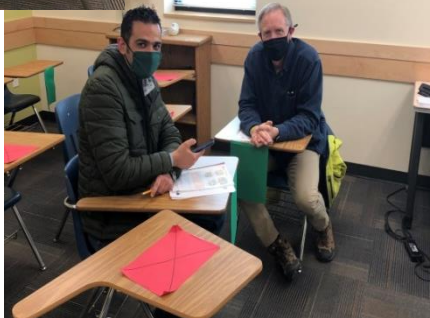




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