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HELLO, my name is Amy Lodevico, and I am a current student at Buhay Kubo Center's Learn Filipino Program. The following is a statement of why I am taking this program. It is first in Tagalog and then in English. (Many thanks to my cousin Charmaine Makimkim for helping me with the translations!)

Layunin ko sa buhay: Makapagsalita ng Filipino

TULAD ng maraming Amerikanong Pilipino, di ako nakakapagsalita ng Filipino. Sa kadahilanang ako ay ipinanganak sa ibang bansa, lumaki ako na Ingles lang ang aking salita. Ngayong ako ay lumaki na, ginawa kong layunin ang makapagsalita ng tuwid na Filipino. Alam kong di ito madali ngunit may kompiyansa ako na magagawa ko ito. Marami akong kaibigan at pamilya na makakatulong sa akin. Ang akala ko ang Filipino ay mahirap na salita para pag-aralan. Sana mas kinausap ako ng aking mga magulang sa salitang ito nuong bata pa ako. Naiintindihan ko ang iba nilang pinag-uusapan, pero hindi sapat ang naiintindihan lang. Nais kong makapagbasa, salita at makapagsulat sa Filipino. Nais ko ring makabalik sa Pilipinas at makipag-usap sa aking mga kamag-anakan duon. Kung ako ay magkakaanak, nais kong turuan sila ng salitang Filipino. Sa tingin ko ay mahalaga ang kulturang Pilipino na palaganapin sa bawat henerasyon kahit saan pa man sila ipinanganak. Huli man akong nagsimula, ay ilalaan ko ang natitira ko pang buhay para matuto ng ating salita.

My life goal: Speaking Filipino

LIKE many Filipino Americans, I don't speak Filipino. Since I was born in the States, I grew up speaking only English. Now that I am grown, I've made it a life goal to speak Filipino fluently.



I know it's going to take some time but I am confident that I can do it. I have many family and friends who can help me. I've always thought that Filipino is a difficult language to learn. I wish my parents spoke it to me more while I was growing up. I understand some of what they say to each other, but just understanding is not enough. I want to be able to read, speak and write in Filipino. I want to be able to go back to the Philippines and converse with my family there. If I ever do have kids, I want to be able to teach them Filipino. I think it's important for Filipino culture and language to thrive in every generation regardless where one is born. I may have had a late start, but I know I will have the rest of my life to never stop learning. (Amy Lodevico, North Hollywood, www.PinayAmericanMind.blogspot.com)

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