Clean oceans, beaches and safe communities of Orange County, I am fortunate to live and grow up in a community that has recreational opportunities, good schools and little crime. It was not until recently that I realized that I have taken these opportunities for granted. My view of the world expanded since the birth of my three year old brother. My parents call me his second father because of the way I think about his future and care for him. I worry that the same opportunities I had will not be available to him as he grows up. Also, my volunteer work at the Tiger Woods Learning Center (TWLC) has stretched my perspective of the world. The children committed to the TWLC come from communities with little opportunity and face many challenges. I am not only a big brother to my own brother, but also to the children at the TWLC.

 My aspiration is to make a positive impact in the community for my brother and future generations. I have focused on the environment, and being a strong role model for children at the TWLC. This past year after a rain storm, I got sick from surfing in the murky ocean waters. Not only did I get sick, but my little brother could not go to the beach since the waters were polluted from the run-off. I saw that I had to take action to help keep the oceans clean, so I joined the Save the Ocean Club at school. I participate in many beach clean ups throughout the year. This club also inspired me to initiate beach clean ups with my family and friends. This is a small step toward my goal, but I have learned that every step counts. I also work with a diverse group of children at the TWLC in golf clinics and in the classroom. I have developed into a strong role model for the children. Together we work on academic skills and increase the children’s interest in college and possible careers. If I can make at least one child stay on the right track, away from drugs and gang activity, I believe it is another step in making the world a better place. Clean oceans, beaches and safe communities- not such a bad vision.