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Connecting Different Generations: Insights from an Insightful Student Interview

As I reflect on a recent interview I had with one of our students Nancy Aksam Mohamed, I'm struck by the clear differences between the younger generation and my own. At first, these differences seem very large - their perspectives, attitudes, and life experiences are so different from what I remember from my youth.

However, as I look closer, I realize these generational gaps also present great opportunities for growth, understanding, and working together. In my conversation with this articulate and knowledgeable student, I was impressed by the depth of her knowledge and the width of her outlook on life and her exceptional confidence.

Whereas my generation may have been more likely to just accept things as they are, this generation challenged common ways of thinking and pushed for new possibilities in the use of technology and innovation, and how the world is connected globally - topics that weren't as central when I was their age.

One key difference was the student's comfort and familiarity with the digital world (of course a digital divide now exists). They used various digital resources to learn, communicate, and make a difference in ways that simply weren't available to me growing up.

At the same time, I was struck by the student's grounding in timeless principles and values. Despite their tech-savvy abilities, they showed deep respect for tradition, a commitment to community, and genuine care for others. These qualities reminded me that progress doesn't have to mean losing our shared humanity.

As I think about the future, I feel hopeful and excited. By bridging the generational divide and having meaningful dialogues, we can combine the wisdom of experience with the dynamism of youth. Together, we can build on the lessons of the past while embracing the promise of the years to come for the benefits of our students

Nancy's interview has shown me that the old and new don't have to be opposites, but rather complementary forces. When harnessed well, they can propel us towards a brighter tomorrow. It's my hope that we can all open our minds and hearts to the transformative potential in the space between the generations and guide our students to a better future.

Please look at the attached video if you have missed it

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"The generation gap can be bridged only by those who are willing to listen with an open mind." -David Suzuki

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