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ESSAY

Though I've been getting high 90s in all my classes, I never found any subject immensely interesting to pick as my major. My first encounter in a Civil Engineering class during my junior year suddenly gave me a splash of boundless curiosity because designing, sketching, and measuring sophisticatedly are some of my innate passions. I was so intimidated, but interested, by the contents of that course that I did not realize how quickly the entire year passed. I believe I can cultivate my passions elaborately by studying Civil Engineering. "Engineering is not an easy major to study", is the most frequent comment I hear from upper classmates however, I was taught from childhood to believe in myself. My family, highly educated back in Bangladesh, nurtured me within a unique environment that made me responsible, honest, and sharp—which gave me the confidence I needed to accept engineering as my discipline of study.



I am not perfect, but I am indomitable; conquering challenges is no stranger to me. Overcoming the cultural barriers, especially the linguistic barrier, within two years after coming to the United States, taught me to conquer challenges despite the difficulty. My drive to persistently work hard came from seeing my family struggle in a foreign country. My Bengali cultural background contributed immensely to developing my skills and positive outlook that I possess today. Back in Bangladesh, the schools have very strict rules and regulations on uniform and tardiness. One would not be allowed in class if one did not have the proper school uniform or was late, even by a minute. I never spoke to any elders in a loud or rude voice because I will never deteriorate my moral values, though I see it happening all around me here. We were taught not to view these obligations as harshness, but consider them as the practice of discipline and punctuality. My

cultural values taught me to develop responsibility and maturity at an early age.

I am not only ranked first in my class, but also first in the entire school in regards to GPA, regents, and SAT scores. I am one of two students from my school who was selected for the competitive PENCIL Partnership Program and for a paid summer internship at Deloitte after several interviews and elimination rounds. I also believe participation in extracurricular activities is just as important as excelling in academics. Therefore, I coordinated a dance group during my school's annual Multi cultural show for two consecutive years in addition to participating in many clubs and activities. As the president of the student council in my school, I am constantly building on my leadership skills to grow as an individual and as a professional. I firmly believe that I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be, but I am certainly better than I used to be. It makes me proud to get closer to the apex of success as a Bangladeshi girl.

