

Personal History

Statement

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Born and raised in Chongqing, a city surrounded by mountains in southwestern China, studied in the economic and cultural center of China, Beijing, and now served as an exchange student in Czech, I have been lucky enough to experience different environment and culture in my life. In retrospect, I found my life falls naturally into three stages: the long-term training towards a professional athlete; my days back to school to equip myself with knowledge and skill; and now a pursuit in the most promising technology currently on the horizon.

I really cherish my early years getting training to be a professional athlete in Table Tennis. Starting from my eight years old, I spent four years in a special school, running, lifting and practicing the Table Tennis more than eight hours a day. Moreover, in order to catch up with my friends in normal schools, I had to spend the rest several hours studying the normal curriculum, such as mathematics, English and Chinese. Those four years, though rather tough, have cultivated my strong will as well as perseverance, which was beneficial to my later life in either study or research.

After earning the honor of the Second-Class National Athlete, I came back to school for normal study. In my high school, I didn't fall behind other students in classes; instead, I found my talent in physics. In every physics class, I felt exciting to unravel the riddles of nature following the steps of genius physicists hundreds years ago. In addition to the excitement, I also felt a strong motivation to learn some further and deeper knowledge after every physics class. Driven by this excitement and motivation, I began learning advanced physics and mathematics knowledge by myself, and actively participated in various physics competition. Finally, I won the first prize in the National Olympiad in Physics in Provinces. This award endowed me great confidence and made me know that I can not only succeed in sports fields, but also in academic arena.

In physics competitions, the feelings that I enjoyed most always produced when I clarified the physics complexities behind physics problems. After admitted to Beihang University, I was no longer satisfied with solving these problems designed by people just like those appeared in physics competitions; instead, I wanted to explore real problems in the unknown world. Thus, I began to conduct some research in electronics and communication, where I found immense personal satisfaction and inner happiness. In the different projects I participated, from pure academic to industrial application, from development of a small system to large system, I experienced the pure joy that research brought to me and finally made up my mind to pursue a graduate degree overseas.

XXX University is one of the best Universities in the field for me to continue my academic pursuits, based on its fantastic international reputation as a source of advanced research, active research environment, and prominent faculty. I believe that my background and research will contribute to the diversity of your program. I hope that you will consider me for admission to your program.