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### Unyielding Ambition

For me, ambition is what keeps me moving forward. It is what gets me out of bed in the morning. This pushes me to improve, do more, and create something meaningful. It makes me constantly strive to improve myself and leave a mark, no matter how big or small. I'm not motivated by external validation, but by the knowledge that I am evolving and affecting change. Whether mastering new skills or aiding others in reaching their aspirations, this internal force to excel and contribute to society is the driving source of my ambition.

When I founded my school Computer Science UIL (University Interscholastic League) team, we didn't even have an instructor to guide us. With no AP Computer science teacher to turn to for help, our team faced a significant challenge, as few members had a solid grasp of Java. Rather than seeing this as a roadblock, my ambition lit a fire inside me. I took on the role of leader, driven by a desire to see our team thrive despite the odds presented. I spent late nights weekly creating study guides, combing through practice tests, and researching on YouTube for practice problems. Every Friday, I would gather all my teammates in Mr. Ali's room, my college algebra teacher, using his whiteboard to explain problems further or just teach each other binary. Our sessions, whether in person or on Discord, were not just about memorizing code or formulas but about truly pushing ourselves to the max and improving. The excitement I felt watching my teammates being able to solve and tackle problems they once thought impossible was a reward far greater than any trophy or medal. Seeing them grow more and more

confident in themselves and their ability was incredible. We did not just study; we built each other up, brick by brick, piece by piece. Our hard work paid off when we won at the district level and advanced to regionals, but beyond that, the journey from starting at the bottom to where we are now is what truly matters.

Ambition shapes how I approach life around me. It is the reason I persevere when things get tough. It is why I care so much about the people I work with. Whether I am leading a team or working on something for myself, it is not about winning but the process of getting better and helping others do the same.