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Prompt 2

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At the beginning of the semester, joining MISSO felt intimidating since I didn't know anyone there. Every day was the same for me - attend classes, head straight home, and that was it. No friends, no interactions outside of the classroom. The thought of joining an organization like MISSO, where I knew absolutely no one, was downright scary. But, deep down, a small voice urged me to take a chance. So, I did something that felt completely out of character – I decided to attend every event during MISSO's free week. That decision was the first step in a journey that would change everything.

In those first few weeks at MISSO, I was like a sponge, soaking up every bit of advice and wisdom from the officers and members. They were so engaged, so passionate about helping each of us succeed. It was infectious. I started to feel like I belonged, like I was part of something bigger than just a student organization. This was about personal growth, about pushing past my comfort zone. I went from being this shy kid, who would have rather walked on hot coals than approaching someone for a conversation, to someone who looked forward to networking events. I learned to approach people with a plan, to ask for guidance, and to offer something in return. This wasn't just about getting an internship; it was about becoming a better, more confident version of myself.

MISSO's impact on my life is profound. At a social event, I made a connection with someone from Umbrage and presented myself as determined and ambitious. This encounter led to an internship offer, showing the power of stepping out of your comfort zone. MISSO has been a catalyst for my personal and professional growth, and I am incredibly grateful for the experiences and connections it has brought into my life.