**At the University of Maryland, we encourage our students to go beyond the classroom to engage in opportunities that further both their academic and personal growth. To tell us more about yourself, please complete the following sentences using only the space provided (300 characters).**

**If I could travel anywhere, I would go to...\***

Switzerland. Since middle school, skydiving has been at the top of my bucket list. It simply thrills me to be able to freefall over the Swiss Alps in Interlaken at a speed of about 120 mph. Additionally, it enables me to briefly put my daily troubles aside and simply enjoy life.

**The most interesting fact I ever learned from research was...\***

Squid ink contains antimicrobial properties and is used to reduce blood pressure as it aids in blood artery dilatation. In fact, it is commonly used in pasta recipes as the ink harbours subtle, saline flavours and umami depth, making it one of the most renowned foods in Venice, Italy.

**In addition to my major, my academic interests include...\***

Water filtration system implementation. We can’t see or taste contaminants but if they’re that harmful to our body, what can we do about them? The procedure of removing chemical and biological impurities from contaminated water to produce safe and clean water for everyone fascinates me.

**My favourite thing about last Wednesday was...\***

Wingstop Wednesday. It’s the only day where I’ll be able to buy 8 wings and get an additional 8 more for free, basically a 50% discount! My father particularly hates junk food and this wingsday would be the only time he tolerates it, definitely the reason why I’m always looking forward to Wednesday.

**When I think of diversity, I think of..\***

Conviction. Different people have different viewpoints to demonstrate their convictions on water issues. In my opinion, data on water-related issues, such as contamination levels or purity levels, should be analysed and organised such that they are simple to understand  and widely accessible.

**Something you might not know about me is...\***

I absolutely adore monkeys. It began when my mother gave me my first doll, a monkey. It makes sense that something you constantly see as a child would have an impact on you. Over time, my interest in the animal grew, but what fascinated me was how similar the brains of humans and monkeys are—98.8%.