**Which aspects of the Tufts undergraduate experience prompt your application? In short, "Why Tufts?" (100-150 words)**

The student guide on campus tour, Aliza Keegan, said at Tufts you can explore whatever subject you want. This was confirmed when I talked to other friendly students that took diverse classes and had a genuine passion for learning. This is when I knew at Tufts, my identity will be embraced in a supportive and collaborative community. I can pursue economics while delving into social psychology and environmental science in order to create a change the community. As a passionate environmentalist and founder of an eco-NGO (Bumi Bersih), I was overjoyed when they had an entire college dedicated to civic engagement. In Tisch College, I can access Tisch College Community Research Center to continue my research on rainwater-harvesting to solve problems related to water scarcity.

Any student eco organizations that you’re interested in? Since community is your main thing, this might be something worth looking into.

**Now we'd like to know a little more about you. Please respond to one of the following three questions. (200-250 words):**

Noticing the amount of waste from hotel soaps, I created an organization to create a sustainable planet, our first project being decreasing the hotel waste by recycling soap.

After seeing how chocolate was made at a café, I extrapolated its principles into recycling soap. Just like crushing cocoa beans, we grated our soap. We added chlorine and water to the gratings like how sugar, water and milk are added to crushed beans. Then, we let it set in the sun after molding it with the layer cake press. The perfect water/chlorine-to-soap ratio was necessary to adjust its viscosity, which allowed the soap to set perfectly and painstakingly discovered through trial-and-error. After a week of experimentation, we emerged victorious covered in soap gratings with the perfect batch. Now that we weren’t dependent 2 stovetops, we could produce more.

The Intercontinental Hotel agreed to supply up soap and we even taught underprivileged women how to recycle soap so they could sell it for extra income.

To me, intellectual curiosity is being curious about everyday things, learning more about them and using that knowledge for something else. In this case, my curiosity about a chocolate bar allowed me to create a new solution to a problem and allowed me to contribute, however small, to a more sustainable future.

Hi Brian,

Areas for expansion in this essay would be how you got the deal with The Intercontinental and how the women’s lives changed after you taught them about this. Did you give them a new source of income or did you also change their perspective on sustainability? Did the hotel do the deal because it was cheaper or because they care? Did they review their sustainability policies after? How about yourself? Any future goals? - C.G.