**Boston University welcomes hundreds of transfer students to campus each year. We want to learn more about you and your reasons for transferring, in particular what you hope to accomplish at Boston University. (600 word maximum)**

Life began when I was 14, in Jakarta’s hectic traffic, when a boy with a delightful singing knocked on my car window asking for change. I kept questioning why he valued such a small amount of money. That day, I promised that someday I would reduce the inequality between us.

My curiosity blossomed two years later when I was required to complete a personal project to receive the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Proud To Earn, a stock investment seminar where I explained how the candlesticks move is not only about supply and demand. External causes, such as public policies, greatly impacted buyers’ confidence. This event initiated my attention towards economic events.

During the pandemic, I founded Magangesport.id, an e-sport advertisement platform that grew to over 11,000 followers, and focused on promoting undermined talented players on Instagram. Although the fee was economical, ranging from $0-$10, I noticed that most of my customers are players that sold their service to play other accounts. The majority said they needed extra income because the minimum wage they earned could no longer meet their basic needs due to inflation.

Having all these inquiries with limited knowledge, I decided to move to Shoreline to gain a new perspective from a developed country. I started taking economics classes while observing how most people have most of their essential needs subsidized by the government, such as free public education and grants. But the longer I stayed, I asked myself: “Why doesn’t Indonesia have this?”. That was when I decided to broaden my knowledge of the economy and pursue a higher degree in economics at Boston University, where great economists lay their minds.

After receiving my bachelor’s degree at Boston University, my aim is to work in a consulting firm to comprehend proven approaches to various issues. Inspired by the boy, I will take the next step by returning to Indonesia to build a venture capital firm in Southeast Asia with a specific mission of providing equal chances to underprivileged people in developing their ideas.

One of my hopes in the university is to study under one of the econometric society executives Professor Dilip Mookherjee, as his ongoing project “Theories of Inequality, Mobility, and Public Policy,” resonates with my lifelong goal. From him, I’d like to learn more about how the South Asian economy operates as most of his research revolves around the area. Aspiring to be one of Boston University’s prominent alumni like Ishrat Hussain (13th state governor of the State Bank of Pakistan), I aim to acquire his expertise in development economics which deals with structural development of middle to low income countries, a skillset that I believe will get me exposure at BU.

Participating in student-led clubs such as 180 Degrees Consulting, which focuses on helping non-profit organizations, is on one of my to-do lists at Boston University. The activity would guide me in supporting companies that are committed to helping the unfortunate. In addition, the annual consulting conference by BU Consulting Group would help me earn my spot at renown companies such as BCG.

I believe the college not only supports my ambitions but a haven for my hobbies. The community at The Badminton Club, would cure my home-sickness as I grew around badminton players ever since I was a child. I plan to sharpen my skills and compete in tournaments supported by the Northeast Intercollegiate Badminton League.

The endless privilege I earn at BU is unrivaled, as I envision myself to not only become a compelling scholar, but a leader in the community. It would be a huge honor to call myself a Terrier, and reunite with my fellow alumnus in the 100 year old BU Castle.

Hi Carlix,

I really admire your passion to bridge the income inequality gap in Indonesia. What an admirable goal! You’ve also done quite an extensive research on the campus and provided multifaceted goals at BU. With that said, I feel the first part of your essay can definitely be more elaborate so that your noble goal can resonate with the readers. I’ve left some comments above to help make your essay more coherent and effective.

Best wishes,

Melinda