**While other parts of your application give us a sense of who you are, we are also excited to hear more about how you see yourself engaging with the larger Northwestern community.**

**In 300 words or less, help us understand how you might engage specific resources, opportunities, and/or communities here. We are curious about what these specifics are, as well as how they may enrich your time at Northwestern and beyond.**

As I developed my game “Zora’s Adventure”, I learned that game development did not revolve only around programming but also other fields including design and game mechanics. Addressing these aspects requires the interdisciplinary approach that Northwestern offers.

In the Mccormick School of Engineering, I plan to take advantage of the “CS + X” initiative where I can merge my interest in interactive art, specifically world designs, with my passion for programming. I also hope to study design mechanics like simulating physics within game environments using code. This will allow me to work on games with other students and gain insights from a variety of like-minded people.

Additionally, I’m inspired by Prof. Ian Horswill’s research on control systems for autonomous agents in games. Through collaborating with him and broadening my horizons with Northwestern's cognitive science program as a minor, I can apply my research in AI and implement it to the industry.

Finally, I believe Northwestern’s Community Development Corps is a great opportunity for people who are enthusiastic about helping others. Service has run through my years of school and I wish to continue that in university.

Northwestern’s strong emphasis on community empowerment gives me the focused and thorough education I need while fulfilling all my ANDs, allowing me to foster the skills necessary to strive for my goal.

Hi Joe,

Thank you for your essay. I think your essay can be more holistic if you expand more on what your specific plans are with joining Northwester’s Community Development Corps. You can include things about engineering and instructors, but including things like community service, internships, fellowships, organizations will round your application up.

C.G.