***Everyone belongs to many different communities and/or groups defined by (among other things) shared geography, religion, ethnicity, income, cuisine, interest, race, ideology, or intellectual heritage. Choose one of the communities to which you belong, and describe that community and your place within it* → 300 words**

The BAWABALI is a compassionate community in Bali where devoted volunteers rescue defenceless stray animals to offer them a chance at a better life. I’ve worked with them for over a year to implement the automatic animal feeder I designed, and have witnessed their dedication to protect stray animals. Their mission to save animals in need regardless of the situation resonated with me deeply. As a proud member of this community, I desire to continue creating new tools and programs to help more vulnerable animals.

I was introduced to BAWABALI by my mentor, Nicholas, who put me in touch with Cynthia, BAWABALI’s manager. I initially explored the possible configurations of the feeder design in several Zoom meetings with Cynthia. After several design revisions, I took on the responsibility of overseeing the animal feeder project with the aim of reducing the number of staff needed at their main shelter, so they could focus on rescuing more animals.

However, the volunteers were reluctant about the project because they were concerned about the dogs fighting over the food. To assure them, I showed a recording of stray dogs in Oman contentedly chowing down the pellets from my prototype, describing how a larger feeding area would stop the dogs from being territorial over the food. This not only convinced them but also increased their trust in me, making it easier for us to complete the project and expand our animal rescue efforts in Bali.

The BAWABALI community has given me the motivation to continue working on projects that help animals in need elsewhere. Additionally, I was able to hone my leadership skills by becoming a leader who addressed my team members’ concerns. I can’t wait to continue contributing to BAWABALI and other animal rescue groups wherever I go.

Hi Abian,

I like how you’ve made considerable revision to include more about the community and their mission. The way you’ve included Cynthia gave your story a personal touch, which was nice to see.

Moreover, I was able to get a distinct sense of what you brought to the table. This can be further elaborated in the next paragraph (I’ve highlighted which part). Lastly, you’ve also pivoted to the future, which shows that you’re forward looking. The conclusion is then ended on a positive note – good job!