1. Describe a situation you witnessed, or were involved in, where someone was treated unfairly or discriminated against. How did you respond, and would you do anything differently if that situation occurred again? (120 words)

I had a classmate who was often taunted by his friends. He was the laughingstock of the group, constantly made fun of and forced to do embarrassing things. After talking with him, I learned that he actually felt uncomfortable but felt pressured to bear it since he had no other friends. I urged him to register as a committee member for an upcoming school event under the division I was directing to connect him with other people. After his acceptance, I introduced him to the other team members. I was glad to see his rising confidence and growing connections. If I encounter a similar situation in the future, I would definitely encourage them to get involved in a positive community. – 119 words

2. Briefly describe a personal goal you have set for yourself, and how long you have been working to achieve this goal. Who did you turn to for advice or help, and what was their role? What did you learn about yourself? (120 words)

Since I turned 17, I’ve been aiming for a well-balanced life. I strive to be academically ambitious while pursuing a wide spectrum of activities, and maintain good health through proper sleep and regular exercise. I noticed that my goals might be too overwhelming, so I sought advice from my successful seniors. I learned that proper time management is key. Instead of playing games or watching movies, I should use my free time to do more productive activities that I also enjoy. Now, I realize that I actually relish using my spare time to forge genuine connections with great people by attending organizations and social activities.

I also learned to enjoy the things I do to reduce stress, and make myself more persistent.

 3. Describe an example of a situation where you took on a leadership role, helped resolve a dispute, or contributed to a group's goals. What was your role, what were your responsibilities, and what contribution did you make? (120 words)

Since 10th grade, I have been a part of the student council, serving as the head of the spiritual and social division in my first year and as president the following year. I was responsible for leading and overseeing a team of councils to arrange multiple school events and social activities while coordinating with the school officials for their endorsement. During my leadership, I made it a priority to create a positive and dispute-free work environment by organizing many internal team building activities. This gave me insights into the strengths and weaknesses of each council member. Thus, I was able to nurture their talents, find a solution to their weaknesses, and give them tasks that would properly utilize their strengths.- 119

4. Describe a group, organization, or community with which you have been involved. How long have you been involved? Describe the impact of your involvement in this community, and what you learned from being a member. (120 words)

Serving as an acolyte in my local Catholic church for seven years, I’ve been assisting the priest in liturgical celebrations and organizing social activities, such as donating to orphanages and volunteering at nursing homes. During the pandemic, I also stepped up as the head of the events division and reached out to inactive members by resuscitating social activities, organizing online workshops, seminars, and fundraisers. As everyone started participating, we were able to share fun memories and learn to be joyful even during the pandemic. My role as a leader taught me to be adaptable, active, and inventive. As a former self-conscious introvert, being a part of this community helped me become more sociable.

Hi Sam,

You did a great job by reading the question carefully and providing relevant answers. I’ve edited some of your content to avoid redundancy and make it more coherent.

Best of luck!

Melinda