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| Write a short thank-you note to someone you have not yet thanked and would like to acknowledge. (*We encourage you to share this note with that person, if possible, and reflect on the experience!)* (150-200 words)\* |

I know we’re not the talking type, and I guess one of the ways we can fully express our feelings is through words. Even though we often debate over little things, I acknowledge that you sacrificed a lot for me, mom, and my sisters. The stories you told us since I was little gave me a glimpse of the struggle you’ve experienced to put our family in good financial standing. I still remember the day when mom and I were hospitalized. Even when you were busy with work, you decided to take care of us and ensure we got the emotional support we needed. It made me much calmer, and I slept well. I know saying “thank you” won’t cut it. So from now, I want to set our differences aside, and I promise to be more open to you. I know I haven’t contributed much, but I’ll do anything to ensure you’re alright in the future. Thank You, Pa, for everything.

Hi I Nyoman,

What would ensure this thank you note come across to a reader who is unfamiliar with your family situation is specificity. What are some of the stories that your father told? What did you argue about? What were some of the things that he did when you were in the hospital? These details will be what the reader remembers.

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| How will you explore the community at Penn? Consider how Penn will help shape your perspective and identity, and how your identity and perspective will help shape Penn. (150-200 words)\* |

Most Balinese youths lose touch with Gamelan; they think it doesn't contribute to anything to their lives. Together with my dad's friends in the local Hindu community, we formed a group to play and create pieces and publish them on the community's Facebook page. This activity helped me realize that putting aside our differences and using our strengths in collaboration can positively impact the community.

I want to contribute to Penn's community by being involved in organizations encouraging others to accept their cultural heritage. I want to show other students their cultural differences enrich their identity; it’s what makes them unique. I want to create clubs similar to the Pan-Asian Dance Troupe so people can preserve their culture; promoting diversity through cultural exchange.

This short essay is in pretty good shape! I would a sentence about how Penn’s diversity will also benefit you (what will you learn from being with people vs what you are showing them).

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| Considering the specific [undergraduate school](https://admissions.upenn.edu/exploring-academics-at-penn) you have selected, describe how you intend to explore your academic and intellectual interests at the University of Pennsylvania. (150-200 words)\* |

*Need a sentence here explaining why the engineering school (not just your major!) is the best home base for you to explore your academic and intellectual interests.*

Physics played a massive role in motorsports. Thermodynamics affect how cars perform in the circuit, which is why I want to join class MEAM 2030. I am eager to explore how thermodynamics can be used to optimize the combustion process to make power. With this class, I can get closer to creating a higher energy output while minimizing the temperature transferred into the engine, so no energy is wasted. With Intro to Mechanical Design class at Penn, I could also explore how aerodynamics plays a role in a car's performance, such as cooling a car's engine and creating downforce with minimized drag.

Additionally, Penn offers CAD courses that will teach me how physics is applied outside the classroom. Peter Psarras and other researchers at Clean Energy Conversions Laboratory, who are working on converting waste from mines into carbon-storing rocks, reminded me that learning physics isn't only about memorizing equations but also about knowing how to apply the disciplines in practical situations.