Our families and communities often define us and our individual worlds. Community might refer to your cultural group, extended family, religious group, neighborhood or school, sports team or club, co-workers, etc. Describe the world you come from and how you, as a product of it, might add to the diversity of the UW.

**Maximum length**: 300 words

**Tip**: Keep in mind that the UW strives to create a community of students richly diverse in cultural backgrounds, experiences, values and viewpoints.

I had always cringed whenever my parents reminded me, “Humans are social beings,” until I experienced it myself. I never really had friends I truly connected with prior to high school, and oddly enough, I pride myself in being the lone wolf. I was a slave to independence.

At the start of sophomore year, I was invited by a batchmate to help start and be a part of an art club. Regardless of my internal reluctance, I felt terrible rejecting the offer. Little did I know that the starting club members would be the friends who’d change me. These are the very friends who made fantasy into reality. “What if we were able to hand down soft-skill knowledge to our juniors?” I joked as I promptly brushed the idea off. Not even a month after, those friends and I found ourselves planning an educational webinar for 5th - 8th graders to attend. Christmas celebrations at school and forming an alliance with school leaders in order to bridge communication gaps between students and teachers were some of the plans my friends and I successfully executed together to make our school a better place, even if only a tad bit.

Through my community of friends I have fostered an open mind and a passionate spirit. The old me would simply aim for a 4.0 GPA, while the reincarnated person I am wishes to turn ideas into reality. Aiming to pursue bioengineering, I hope to do so by maximizing UW’s resources, from its facilities to their students, exchanging ideas and collaborating to invent a creation that may solve issues relevant today, and possibly, the future.

Part #1 Describe the community: show the depiction of your old vs new self

Part #2 One episode that you want to highlight → close with what you learn

Part #3 What you want to bring to UDub