**In 300-400 words, explain what inspires your interest in Sports Analytics and Statistics. How will you use that inspiration to make the most of your experience at Wharton Moneyball Academy?**

From a young age, I have always liked and excelled at mathematics and sports, now currently being a part of my school’s basketball team and math club. With my own future in higher education not so far away, it leaves me wondering if there were majors with both my interests. Yet with extensive research, I wasn’t able to find any until Formula 1 came into my life. My curiosity towards Formula 1 led to me spending my weekends watching free practices, qualifyings, races, and eventually their documentary found on Netflix called Drive to Survive. The series showcases a behind-the-scenes look at the drivers and races throughout the season, giving viewers exclusive and intimate access to the on- and off-track lives of drivers, managers, and team owners. Despite this, what stuck out to me the most were the scenes where the team looked over data together, discussing and analyzing to see what is to be improved. This led to the breakthrough of me finding out about the world of sports analytics and statistics.

In 2022, my favorite sports teams have yet to succeed in winning, despite having all the chances to win. Like, for example, Ferrari finishing second in the Constructor Standings behind Red Bull with 205 points difference despite their first few amazing races during the start of the F1 season, or Spain losing to Morocco in round 16 of the World Cup with 3-0 on penalties even though their first game being a huge success with a 7-0 win against Costa Rica. Hearing these results made me frustrated, wishing that I had understood how these outcomes happened and how it could’ve been prevented.

Being able to work in the sports business industry is something only I could ever dream about. With the experience I would gain from the Wharton Moneyball Academy, I can implement what I’ve learned and understand towards turning my own dream into a reality. In this program, I am not only provided with the opportunity to learn how to work in the industry, but also produce profound sports discoveries with a focus to develop data-driven decision-making skills. With learning the statistical concepts and programming used, I hope to not only be able to make my own dream come to life, but to help innovate technology to further advance the world of sports analytics.