**Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university. (350 Words)**

Last summer, I learned a lot from my dad about Supply Chain. As I kept researching more, I became fascinated by how Supply Chain works, particularly the logistics behind Amazon's one-day shipping and the undeniably genius supply chain management of Flexport. Nonetheless, my interest grew to the point I took the initiative to intern at his company, in which I managed to learn more about the end-to-end processes and the different types of Supply Chain. It undoubtedly contributed to my grasp of local and international logistics, the burgeoning omni-channel technology, and the complexity of modern fulfillment centers.

I worked with the engineering team for the majority of my internship, where I conducted in-depth research of the e-fulfillment for one of the company’s warehouses. From the research, I learned the benefits robots had in fulfillment centers, the optimal position for each warehouse which should be closest to the consumers, and how RFID chips and barcodes are used to track each shelf. I was also fortunate to get a thorough explanation of omni-channel technology, including how it helps the supply chain by improving inventory management accuracy during periods of high volume. It definitely made me realize how perplexed I was with many of the terminologies, hence, I began doing further self-study using a book I bought called E-logistics by Yingli Wang.

Throughout my internship, I was also given a brief tour of the system and warehouses. The employees demonstrated how they pick and pack, input data into the system, and perform inbound and outgoing activities.

As I became aware of how intricate each process is, such as their limitations on using vendors for their last-mile deliveries, it also inspired me to consider ways to improve it. Using our own couriers, for example, could result in faster delivery times for customers and better management and tracking for the company.

Overall, the internship experiences taught me the foundation of supply chain management, but they also piqued my curiosity and motivated me to pursue further in this area. As a result, I am looking forward to contributing my knowledge and experiences in the UCs.