**At the University of Maryland, we encourage our students to go beyond the classroom to engage in opportunities that further both their academic and personal growth. To tell us more about yourself, please complete the following sentences using only the space provided (300 characters).**

**If I could travel anywhere, I would go to...\***

Switzerland. Since middle school, skydiving has been at the top of my bucket list. It simply thrills me to be able to freefall over the Swiss Alps in Interlaken at a speed of about 120 mph. Additionally, it enables me to briefly put my daily troubles aside and simply enjoy life.

**The most interesting fact I ever learned from research was...\***

Squid ink contains antimicrobial properties and is used to reduce blood pressure as it aids in blood artery dilatation. In fact, it is commonly used in pasta recipes as the ink harbours subtle, saline flavours and umami depth, making it one of the most renowned foods in Venice, Italy.

**In addition to my major, my academic interests include...\***

Water filtration system implementation. We can’t see or taste contaminants but if they’re that harmful to our body, what can we do about them? The procedure of removing chemical and biological impurities from contaminated water to produce safe and clean water for everyone fascinated me.

**My favourite thing about last Wednesday was...\***

Wingstop Wednesday. It’s the only day where I’ll be able to buy 8 wings and get an additional 8 more for free, basically a 50% discount! My father particularly hates junk food and this wingsday would be the only time he tolerates it, definitely the reason why I’m always looking forward to Wednesday.

**When I think of diversity, I think of..\***

Conviction. The act of having a small commitment from an individual with a diversity of backgrounds, opinions and skills. Starting from my interest in raising awareness of global water issues, I expanded that by creating a water filter to be implemented in an underprivileged area in Indonesia.

**Something you might not know about me is...\***

I absolutely adore monkeys. It began when my mother gave me my first doll, which was a monkey. Bringing it everywhere I went, I was basically inseparable from it. As I developed, my curiosity in the animal itself increased. Needless to say, the doll which I still have until today really grew on me.