

Hi everyone, my name is Yixuan Chen, a junior student majoring in Computer Science. I transferred from Sichuan University to the University of Pittsburgh in my junior year. The reason I made this decision was to experience diverse educational approaches and methods while immersing myself in different cultures from around the world.

The person who initially sparked my interest in computers was my father, who explored computers as a hobby. When I was in elementary school. He asked me if I wanted to explore computers with him. Together, we opened up the computer case, and he introduced me to its internal structure and functions. He also taught me how to write a simple program. When I saw the program running successfully and producing the desired result on the screen, I was overjoyed. That experience motivated my passion for computer science.

As I entered college and learned more, I discovered an endless array of mysteries within computer science. I enjoy solving problems, thinking logically, and exploring various approaches to tackle challenges. During the early stages of learning computer science, my father's support continues to motivate me, even when I face complex concepts or challenges that seem difficult to overcome.

Since starting my computer science journey, I've not only gained programming and problem-solving skills but also explored areas like artificial intelligence. Transferring to the University of Pittsburgh has introduced me to new perspectives and opportunities. While the language barrier sometimes poses challenges, I make efforts to communicate with professors and peers, which has significantly enhanced my learning experience.

Beyond academics, I have worked on various projects and participated in student organizations and contests. These experiences have helped me cultivate skills like teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking. I also enjoy discussing ideas with others and learning from the diverse perspectives they bring.

My journey so far--shaped by my father's encouragement, my love for exploring new knowledge, and my persistence in facing challenges--has prepared me for a future in computer science. The field's ever-evolving nature excites me, and I am determined to continue growing, also contributing. Thank you!