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I began college with the faint belief that I wanted to be an attorney. With that in mind I chose to study International Relations. International Relations taught me many skills such as global politics, logical thinking, and how to effectively communicate. I did enjoy the subject but one thing that constantly frustrated me was that in with every topic there was a way for both sides to be correct. The lack of definitive answers me drew me to look into take elective course that had definitive answers, or at least paths to definitive answers, such as computer science. My courses in computer science fascinated me. Computer Science like IR, encourages individuals to approach the problems with various viewpoints but unlike IR there was a solution, a final answer. Despite my interest in computer science I determined that I would pursue a career in law after graduation. As I was applying to law schools during my senior year I took a class that altered my life and drove me to where I am today, the startup.

Along with classes in International relations and programming I also took courses in entrepreneurship and business development. The idea of building something from the ground up and having a positive impact on society drew me in like a fly to honey. While applying to law schools I happened upon a program that would improve my resume and allow me to studying a subject that fascinated. So during finals of my senior year I opted not intend law school and instead attend graduate school, with a focus in product development and launching new ventures.

Over the course of the next year I dipped my feet into the fast-passed world of entrepreneurship, where I learned about innovation thinking, lean product development, and venture financing. It was during this time that I attempted to start my first company. My company focused reducing the amount of time children spent in front of screens. To solve this problem I would do something different, I would use the screen those children were addicted to. Despite the progress I made in my venture I opted to not move forward after graduation. A major factor in this decision was my lack of function knowledge developing software.

After graduate school ended I took a job at Tata Communications as a business partner. Along with my education I believe I obtained the position because of my previous employment as a sales and operation associate at a small business. Over the past year I have worked in various departments at a large international company. I have developed skills in process development and how to develop software. I have also learned what want in my career and what I don't want. I want to be able to travel around the world but I dislike working every day with a team that I only communicate with over the phone, including my manager. I also learned that I want to work in a company where I would not just be a cog in the machine. I don't know what the next six months will bring, but I like to think I am taking steps to secure my happiness and desire to live a fulfilling life..