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Journal Response Paper:

During my time at the University of Michigan, I am looking to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, which I hope will enrich my college experience, both academically and socially. My first three weeks here I explored a variety of different clubs, through mass meetings and have narrowed it down a few I’m really interested in.

The main club I’m eager to join is MPowered, a student entrepreneurship group on campus. MPowered interests me because of the creative culture the group is working towards promoting at Michigan. Two summers ago I actually worked for a startup and I love how the environment there encourages, self-expression, innovation, and inspires change. MPowered holds events throughout the year, such as Startup Career Fair, Startup Weekend, M-Tank (our campus’s own version of Shark Tank), to help promote these ideologies. I also feel like I’d gain experience and knowledge working at MPowered, through helping set up and run these projects. One important thing about this group is that they focus on building strong teams to run each event and this will teach me about collaboration and cooperation, which are important skills in corporate world. At the same time working behind the scenes to set up these events will help me develop planning and organizing skills, and not to mention, provide an excellent opportunity for networking.

Another club I was looking into joining was a multidisciplinary design team. I’m deciding between the Michigan Hybrid Design team, which works to build a hybrid racecar, and the Solar Drones team. I believe this team will help me gain some hands on building experience and discover what type of industry I do or maybe even do not want to get into. For future goals, many of these teams have recruiting events and sponsors that hire interns and workers directly from these clubs, so that could help me get a job.

Apart from academics I also want to be able to manage the social and athletic part of my life to stay happy and healthy. I’m planning on playing intermural soccer to stay in shape and looking at joining a fun outdoor adventure group here on campus, which takes weekend backpacking and kayaking excursions. Overall I’m excited and looking forward to an amazing and enriching year here at Michigan.