I started off at the High School Summer College of Stanford Summer Session 2018 in style, missing the welcome orientation due to my jetlag. Some hours later, I was inside my house, playing a card game and making new friends, friends that I was going to carry for the rest of my life.

Going through each and every piece of what I experienced may well lead me to write a book but some of my societal impacts there came to the fore when one day, after the session was over, I sat down to explore my record-book, a diary in which I ask my teachers and mentors to write something about me after the end of our time together.

What I could gather from all the notes from people at the Summer Session was how I contributed to their lives in little yet meaningful ways. It helped me realize that a smile for a greeting may well help others mood for hours to come, that just sharing some food with love and care may well go a long way to establish that person’s friendship with you, that sharing your thoughts with others and listening to theirs in return may help result in inspiring the other.

When I learned that just some honest feedback after the class and some insights during the teachings of the office hours helped my instructor to teach better. I was surprised at how these little actions on my part led to such meaningful and helpful impacts on the people.

I was astounded by the views of people regarding me even though I was conscious while undertaking such actions that led to these sentiments.

All these were the thoughts of my mentors, teachers and friends, people who had interacted with me just for the duration of two months.

What I wish to be able to create is such a positive atmosphere around myself and contribute towards the betterment of my community.

From my experiences, I have realized that just by being positive one can influence one’s surroundings and peers.

What I bring to Harvard is an indomitable spirit, a spirit that runs free but for the betterment of all around him. A person who opens his soul to quench those of others and a person who places high regards in the development of those around him with his own.