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Computer Science Discomfort Zone

I’m not the most knowledgeable person about computers or anything really technology related. In fact I’m the last person anyone in the house would go to, to ask for help on computers or phones. My younger brother has been branded the computer genius in the family and has even helped people outside of my family with their technology related issues. It annoys me to think of how useless I am compared to him in this field. Especially, now when everything has to do with technology. I’m a big reader and lover of science so I wasn’t surprised when I read articles about how the future was all about technology. I constantly came across articles of how science was applied to technology, resulting in something new and magnificent that would help millions of people. For example, I recently watched this video of how this laser was developed that can potentially be used in the medical field to terminate tumors within patients without any surgical procedure needing to be conducted. I thought it was incredible but there was a small voice inside my head saying that I can never develop something like that. My little to no knowledge of technology is something that always has stressed me out because after all “the future is technology.” It also held me back from attempting to try things that have always interested me in fear of failing.

Unlike by tech-brother, I’m more of an artistic person who’s been drawing since the age of five. I love anything art related. Lately I stumbled open artists creating paintings and drawing through their computers or apps. I found it really cool but again my fear of technology prevented me from trying it out. It intrigues and scares me to think that people can take something I really love and combine it with something I have zero to no professional experience with. So when I was provided the opportunity to take computer science instead of an art class this year I hesitantly chose computer science. I’m tired of not knowing anything and being lost when it comes to computers, so I’ve entered this class with a growth mindset and the hunger to succeed. I’m choosing to leave my comfort zone and putting myself in an environment I know I will struggle in. I even understand that there might be noticeable drops in my GPA. My situation is just like Corinne’s from the project 5050 videos, who deliberately chose computer science because it interested her even though she did really well in the liberal arts. I can’t wait to design my own animations and over coming my fear in general.