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Why Honors?

Why Honors? Here is the question that has been asked to me as a starter for the class called HONOR 375. I am a Junior in Computer Engineering at MNSU and it has been two years now since I have joined the program and two years since my last Honor class. So the question remains the following: “Why did I choose to stay in the Honors program?”. In this essay, we’ll discuss the reasons that led me to stay in the program

Two years ago, when I was taking Honors 201, we were also asked to write an essay “Why Honors?” stating the reason why we joined the program. In this essay, the main reason I gave was : *“The Honors program is a program that focuses on leadership, research and development skills for a person and I think it is something great for me whose ambition is to be a leader, make changes and help people as best as he can “*. I believed the Honors program could help me be the leader I wanted to be and help me grow in my leadership skills. “I believed”? Actually, I still do, and that is the reason why I stayed in the program. I see the Honors program as a push for me, an opportunity to be challenged not only by the program requirements that ask us for a certain number of experiences, but also by my fellow Honors classmates which I believe have the same ambitions as me. Since I’ve started this program, I’ve always given 100% of myself to meet the standards the program and my classmates set by being involved in several organization as a leader and in a lot of research projects. In sum, I have been very

involved on campus those past two years partly because of this program. It pushes me to grow as a leader and I am enjoying this journey.

The Honors program is also an opportunity to meet people. I stayed because every person that I have met in the program has always tended to inspire me. Their experiences and way they see life have always challenged me to be better, to seek for more and not stay limited to what I already have. I believe you grow as a person by surrounding yourself with people that can inspire you. And that is what the program is offering me; get the privilege to meet people that can inspire and sharpen me. I am planning on meeting more people and to do so I will be more involved with Honors activities and events.

I want my participation in the Honors program to continue pushing me beyond my comfort zone, both personally and professionally. Personally, I hope to deepen my connections with other driven, like-minded individuals in the program who challenge me to broaden my perspectives and strive for excellence. These interactions will help me become more adaptable, empathetic, and well-rounded, traits that are crucial for personal growth.

Professionally, I aim to take on more leadership roles and participate in advanced research projects that align with my career goals in computer engineering and cybersecurity. I want the program to continue offering opportunities that enhance my skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, and innovation, making me a more competitive candidate in the job market. Additionally, the program's emphasis on leadership and

service will help me develop the qualities necessary to lead teams and drive positive change in my future career. Ultimately, I hope my ongoing involvement in Honors will equip me with the tools and experiences necessary to make a meaningful impact in both my personal life and professional field.

This Program is also a great resume builder. The simple fact of being in the program will make me a more attractive candidate for future employers. Being in this program will therefore represent a huge asset for my professional life which is a bonus that contributes to me staying in the program.

In conclusion, the Honors Program has provided me with invaluable opportunities for personal and professional growth. It has not only pushed me to develop my leadership skills through active involvement on campus, but it has also surrounded me with inspiring individuals who challenge me to be better. The program continues to align with my ambitions of becoming a leader who makes meaningful contributions to society. Additionally, the Honors Program offers significant advantages for my future career, making it a worthy investment in my academic and professional journey. These are the reasons why I have chosen to stay in the program, and I look forward to continuing to grow through the experiences it offers.