The University of Rochester benefactor, entrepreneur, photography pioneer and philanthropist George Eastman said, “The progress of the world depends almost entirely upon education.” With that statement in mind, how will you use your University of Rochester experience to foster positive change in order to make the world, your community and those around you “ever better?”

I always believed that learning is more than getting a good score on your academic performances. It is also important to apply them. I concern about the problems around the society I reside in, and I try to use the knowledge I have learned to solve these issues. Aware of the lack of sex-education in China, I made a sex-education video game with my friends to teach teenagers sex-education; noticing the neglect of old industrial culture in Shanghai, I created a Virtual Reality art exhibition of the industrial sites with my friends to remind people about the zeitgeist of the city.

I wish to explore more potential areas to learn in my college life and keep my passion on applying these knowledges to serve the community. UR allows me to achieve this goal with its open curriculum that allows me to study any courses I am interested in. I could study computer science in societal context through the “Social Implications of Computing” course and discover how stories of cities could be effectively told through “BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY: THE URBAN IMAGINATION” course. I can use these knowledges to influence the world through developing immersive city simulation models for city-planning under the Center of Augmented and Virtual Reality to help design the most efficient and friendliest cities in the world.

At UR, I foresee myself either on my way toward my interest or inventing one, and I wish to utilize these passions for the good of the world.