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 can’t stop from getting my feet wet for a second. With the help of the internet, I get to explore knowledge more than my school and my community offer such as cinematography or computer science. As I continue my extracurricular studies, I also observe problems of this society. Being concerned about these problems, I decided to improve the community around me by through different approaches. Frustrated by the long walking time to school cafeteria, I developed a food delivery app for it; seeing my female peer receiving unequal treatment in her family, I recorded a Harmonica version of Let It Go and posted it onto the internet to show my support on gender equality. My dedication to my community won’t be possible without the knowledge I learned outside the curriculum.

I wish to keep this passion on learning outside the curriculum and use them to solve problems I care about. UR allows me to achieve this goal and extend my pathway toward various academic areas 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 explore the role of harmonica in the history of Jazz through the “History, Analysis, and Theory of Early Jazz” course. I can use these knowledges to influence the world through inventing a digitalized harmonica that allows MIDI signal through Audio and Music Engineering Program or developing immersive city simulation models for city-planning under the Center of Augmented and Virtual Reality.

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.