"Hi, I'm Xiaochen Lu, you can also call me Nigel. Currently pursuing a Master of Science in Computer Science at New York University, I carry a passion for computer science that’s deeply rooted in its logical nature and my childhood experience."

"My journey into computer science was inspired by my father, who has been a web developer for over 20 years. His dedication to solving complex problems through code sparked my curiosity. As I dug deeper, the practical and robust nature of computer science truly captivated me. It's a field where complex problems meet logical solutions. The process of coding, debugging, and seeing an idea come to life fascinates me. It offers a unique blend of analytical thinking and creative expression, where each line of code could make technology more accessible and life more efficient."

"This fascination led me to the career as a software engineer, mastering languages like Python, Java, JavaScript, and delving into frameworks such as Django and React.”

"Via internships at eBay and my role as Co-founder and CTO of Kaizntree, I've honed my skills in cloud infrastructure, CI/CD practices, full-stack, and agile development. These experiences have not only sharpened my technical abilities but also my capacity to work collaboratively in a fast-paced environment."

"I'm drawn to CodeHS because of its mission to democratize computer science education—a mission that resonates with my own experience learning to code and my desire to make software engineering accessible to all. I see this opportunity as a way to leverage my skills and passion to contribute to an organization that's making a real difference in the world."

"Thank you for considering my application. I'm eager to bring my skills and passion for computer science to CodeHS, where together, we can continue to unlock the potential of future programmers."