

Myself

Hello, good afternoon, my friends. My name is Nirmal Kawmina Bandara, and I am proud to be here today and present you the story of my life. Since this is my first ever speech, I will try to make you aware of something in my life, my passion, and how I arrived here.

I come from a small but beautiful village called Thembiliya, which is near Kegalle town. My family means the whole world to me. My dad is a businessman, my mom is a housewife, and I have two brothers. One of them is an engineer and my personal idol to this day, and the other one is still in grade 10, ever energetic and always full of queries. Funny thing is, my parents always say how stubborn I was as a kid, but they say I've outgrown that now! I am an undergraduate at the University of Moratuwa, studying in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

In my free time, you'll most likely find me watching tech review videos, anime, or reading comic books. I also have a pet cat who is quite like a mischievous little mate, and I like playing with him. The other pleasant thing in my life is the good-natured arguing that I have with my siblings. We argue about the most senseless things, but it is all in good spirit.

I used to be a heavy video game player during my A/L days, but nowadays my interests have shifted towards web development, programming, and my favorite, solving mathematic problems. Playing badminton is another favorite thing of mine. Whether playing with friends or my brothers, a good game always leaves me in good spirits.

My goal in life is simple yet profound, to live in peace and luxury with my family. For that, I am committed to making the best out of my university life and emerge as a useful contribution to society. Being here is one step closer to my dream of improving my fluency in speaking so that I can express ideas effectively and confidently. In the future, I want to be a teacher, and effective communication is something that I need to learn.

One of the proudest moments of my life was when I achieved 1st position at my district at the physical science stream in my A/L examinations. My family's joy and pride at that time made all my hard work worthwhile. Life is not without a challenge or two, though. Learning to drive a motorcycle was one of them. After sitting the first test and not passing, I practiced day and night for three months until I passed. My new challenge now is how to speak better English, and I intend to master that too.

Unlike most people I have had near death situations, more than one to be exact. The most annoying thing is that I was traveling with my Frieden bikes, and I was riding my one and another one with me. He told me that he would ride from now on and I didn't complain about it because he is more of a cycling cable than me. But I don't know, when suddenly there was a bend, the bike lost control, the bike went straight without bending to take the turn. After that I quickly bent it into the road and started rolling the bike and we didn't skid. It's like a normal everyday occurrence, but the best part is that if I hadn't dared to do so we would both be at the bottom of a 200m high cliff. We will die in that event. Anyway, I am still kicking well. After that day he didn't carry me on his back and every time we meet, we refer to it at least once.

My greatest inspiration is my elder brother. His determination, hard work, and peaceful nature inspire me daily. His words, "Where there is a will, there is a way," are something that resonates with me deeply. I, on the other hand, am a person who enjoys helping others and always tries to do the right thing. I appreciate order, and I am a friendly person. Even if I do not agree with someone, I am a firm believer in apologizing and burying the hatchet. I also appreciate my independence and freedom, as free as a pirate, you might say!

That is a bit about me, then. Joining CSE is a new and exciting chapter in my life. I am eager to learn. Grow, and become close to all of you. Thank you for listening to my story, and I hope to have many more memories with this dear family.

Thank you all!