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Prompt

Georgia Tech is proud to draw students from around the United States and countries throughout the world. This unique compilation of academic interests, personal backgrounds, and various life experiences creates an exciting and inspiring educational mix. Given your personal background, what would you hope to learn and contribute through becoming part of this sort of campus community?

Not many people can say that they have lived in six states and traveled across more than half of them over a seven year period. I was born in Pakistan and lived there for seven years. It was a very different experience than most people have had. One thing I remember was the first computer we had. It was a DOS based computer that read from floppy disks. It was my first conscious exposure to technology and the computer helped point me towards what I want to become. After arriving in America my life experiences have been unlike than anyone else I have met. After arriving to the US my family first lived in Wilmington North Carolina. We then moved, spending a year each near Albany, NY, Fayetteville AK, Saint Louis, MO, Carlsbad, CA and then for the past five years Alpharetta, GA. Even though we moved because of my father’s job, I believe it was a blessing because even though I had strong ties with my friends moving allowed me to create new friends. It also allowed me to see and experience may things I would not have experienced otherwise such as seeing local cultures or monuments such as the Saint Louis arch because of their locality. After coming to the US many of my possibilities expanded giving me the ability to reach out to new interests. These are the things that set me apart from most people. I have more than thirty unique interest and skills. Over the past years I have been fortunate enough to gain many abilities and skills though my research of ideas that interested me. The great deal of work I have put into my hobbies has taught me valuable skills. Some of my hobbies such as weaving of chain maile or complex paper craft and origami require very meticulous and repetitive tasks to achieve a full suit or a prop helmet. The trait such as patience is important and is useful trait in many aspects of one’s life. Likewise I am highly motivated such as I taught myself a programing language so I could program microcontrollers for my electronic interests. Always trying new and complex things has taught me to always set my expectations high so that I am always striving to aim for beyond what I know I can reach. My hobbies not only allow me to learn while enjoying myself but they also give me a sense of accomplishment. I get a thrill when I use my broad spectrum of information I have gained to help someone with a unique problem. These problems often require combining solutions used in different fields. These many hobbies and interests allow me to communicate and fit in with a wide range of people. Overall I believe I am not more diverse because of my background but because of what I have accomplished.