

Summary

1. Self-Introduction

- Shaoxiong Yuan from Chongqing Nankai Secondary School
- Academic interests: Mathematics, Environmental Science, Chemistry
- Reasons for math: love of manipulation of numbers and the thought that math can transform the world
- Reasons for environment and chemistry: desire to make the environment cleaner and to make the relationship between humans and nature more harmonic
- Career Goal: Business analyst
- Reasons: stay up with the latest technology, give useful advice and allocate resources
- Interests and Hobbies: watch documentaries, TV series, and sports

2. Why Cornell

- Academic/curriculum: SPUR math club
- diversity/ community: first-year student support students clubs
- Engagement (safe yogurt, give prisoners a second chance...)
- study abroad (global learning)
- recreational activities: sports, music, art...

3. Why math

- Established a firm interest in math since childhood (fascinated by various shapes, keen calculation of time and altitudes)
- Attend more high-level math classes and participated in lots of mathematical contests like AMC and Euclid.
- Took part in several academic programs such as Pioneer and Cornell Awesome Math Camp to enhance my skills

4. Something about Chongqing Nankai Secondary School

- “University in High School”---campus is large, lots of resources, classes flexible (characteristics of a university)

- I study in International Studies Center---teach normal high school courses in order to graduate, teach TOEFL, SAT, AP, SAT2 lessons, have counselors to give career and application tips
- Lots of activities such as sports meeting, basketball tournament, volleyball tournament, soccer tournament, self-choreographed dance, drama festival
- Many elective lessons like Spanish, cooking, badminton, flight simulation, robots, carpentry...
- Some lectures given by famous people every Thursday

5. Something about New Oriental Ivy League Scholarship Program (New Frontiers in Earth Science)

- Taught by Columbia University professor
- Learned about the fragility of the environment, sea level rise, air pollution, and how we can do to protect and improve air quality
- I can predict what the environment will be like in 2100 so that I can give useful advice to other people
- During the 14-day program, I finished some personal projects such as book report and final essay and several group projects like lab report, essay about polar bears and shade-grown coffee

6. New Perspectives to Cornell

- I. Watching TV Series is not pure entertainment
 - Empathy
 - Emotional reflection
 - Learn ways to deal with real-life problems
- II. Give assistance to disabled children to help them recover soon
 - Volunteered in Chongqing Disabled Comprehensive Service Center (CDCSC) as a technical assistant
 - Compared data before and after surgery
 - Performed analysis and helped to optimize the software used for rehabilitation
 - These kinds of children are increasing every year, so we should pay attention to those groups that really need help

7. Career Plan

- A Business Analyst to participate in important decision-making process and giving pragmatic suggestions about business to others
- Plan to find an internship after my first year in college and then find a full-time job before my graduate study
- Learn everything I need to know about finance, investment banking, and probably Excel skills during my college years
- Gain real-life experience in US first and then return to China to contribute more

8. Image of myself 30 years later

- I consider myself as a successful person, following the tide of technology and even lead the direction
- Participate in crucial decision-making process and get insight into the latest development in the world

9. Questions for Ben

- I. What's the most indelible experience in Cornell? What aspects of Cornell impress you the most?
 - Classmates and professors are very friendly
 - Bring technology into reality (innovative)
- II. Alumni network (you're giving your time to Cornell, other activities for alumni to give back to Cornell)
 - Alumni Clubs around the globe
 - Donate money to Cornell every year