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)

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 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

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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

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