Describe a situation you witnessed, or were involved in, where someone was mistreated or discriminated against. How did you respond, and would you do anything differently if that situation occurred again? (120 words)

In the robotics club in our school, we let our members form individual groups and compete against each other in a competition that the executives design. Many introverts face trouble when finding a group, and are often leftover and forced to join a group that they may not necessarily like. I helped them to communicate with groups that they wanted to join, but I realized that this does not support the introverts as they are relying on assistant from other people. After observing how other people host events, I realized that stressing the importance of acceptance and communication before forming groups incentivizes people to communicate more, and icebreakers can help make communicating more relaxing.

Word count: 115

Briefly describe a personal goal you have set for yourself, and how long you have been working to achieve this goal. Who did you turn to for advice or help, and what was their role? What did you learn about yourself? (120 words)

Since I am applying to the computer science program, I have set a goal to prepare for the upcoming CCC and be able to complete the first 2 questions. I set this goal 3 months ago in September and have since been struggling. My friend who is also the president of the computer science club at my school helped me a lot by providing me with practice questions every day and spending his lunch to teach me different algorithms. Apart from my friend’s effort, I also dedicated more than 2 hours per day doing practice. I learned the importance of persistence, as sticking to daily practice despite the heavy work-load from IB allowed me to improve quickly.

Word count: 117

Describe an example of a situation where you took on a leadership role, helped resolve a dispute, or contributed to a group's goals. What was your role, what were your responsibilities, and what contribution did you make? (120 words)

During SHAD 2019, I was assigned to a group to work on a SHAD project about decreasing waste in Canada. Though the team has a general goal, each member had their own goal. Some wanted to make the best product, some wanted to have fun… and this caused a conflict between people. I stepped up to be a leader, and organized a group objective. This resolved the conflicts and gave the group a direction to work in. I also assigned each group member, including my self, tasks that fit each individual’s talents. I believe in communication, as it is integral in holding a group together. My responsibility as a leader is to maintain healthy communication amongst members.

Word count: 117

Describe a group, organization, or community with which you have been involved. How long have you been involved? Describe the impact of your involvement in this community, and what you learned from being a member. (120 words)

Junior achievement has shaped me to become who I am today. I have been involved in the company program for 2 years, and have served as the CTO. My passion for technology allowed me to apply technology where possible to make the management and running of the business easier. JA changed my perspective on criticism. I faced a lot of criticism for my logo design, as other people favored a design that I think was too complex and did not look good. I combined the criticism I received with a design that I liked, and ended up with a design favorable by most members of the company. I now listen to criticism without personal judgment and use them to improve.

Word count: 120

List three regular activities, at least one of which took place outside of your school, that you have enjoyed in the past year. Briefly explain your role in these activities. (2000 char)

Junior Achievement Company Program – I have been participating as the vice president of technology for two years. My job is utilizing technology to simplify many processes in the business. Last year, our company’s product was an extendable wire with a robust mechanism without any moving parts. The mechanism was designed on a computer, and manufactured using 3D printers. The company also avoided the cancelation of several meetings because of weather concerns by holding them online with shared documents. Being nominated for the leadership of IT award, I have learned the vital role that technology play in our daily life, and how using it correctly will solve many troubles that we face.

Robotics Club – I joined the club three years ago, and have been running the club as president for 2 years by now. The robotics club participates in competitions such as Halton Skills competition and VEX Turning Point. I organize the different departments in the club - mechanical, programming, electrical and 3D design – to make sure that the team is cooperating well. The club taught me the importance of time management. In the first year, I did not create a detailed schedule, which caused the robot to be rushed to finish in the final week before the competition. This year, I planned a schedule immediately, and the team managed to finish the robot long before the competition, allowing for more debugging.

Film and Design Club – I founded the club with my friend, and have since been the co-president of the club. I communicate with large organizations such as TU20, and try to find opportunities for the club members to film commercials for real-world organizations. We also participate in the Eddies film festival. What I learned from the club is the importance of listening to other’s opinions. I used to ignore other people’s views on the shots in the film when I am the director. However, I soon realized how other people’s ideas can inspire and make the movie better.

1996 char

What draws you to Victoria College, and how do you plan to contribute to the community and learning at the college? (2000 char)

My friend in the University of Toronto praises Victoria College. He sais that the Vic One program helped him avoid being distracted by video games, and the atmosphere provided him a great learning environment. I have also visited the Victoria college, and was surprised by the amount of green surrounding the building, considering it is in the middle of Toronto. The last piece of icing on the cake is the website: the college has the best site out of all the colleges and this impresses me as I am a frontend web developer.

Being experienced in technology, I am looking forward to implementing cool technology gadgets to improve living in Trinity. I often start projects centered around using technology to make life easier, and I would love to test those projects out, and use them in the college space. Furthermore, I also like to study together with other people. Being told of the very academically active community in the college, I foresee many opportunities for me to communicate with other students to study together for tests. This will not only help me make more friends but will also help me perform better academically.