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Impromptu Essay

The world we live in is far from a simple one. Things would be much easier if we could all stick to our areas of expertise, but that just isn't how the world operates. Instead, we are constantly interacting with things that we might not fully understand. We meet people with different opinions from ours, we see things that challenge our perceptions, and we are asked to interpret and respond to them. To be sequestered to a single area of study is an invitation to ignorance. Instead, we have to diversify our education.

The strength of a liberal arts education comes from the ability to weave together many different fields of study into a single environment. Even if we aren't masters of every field, we are at least competent in many different things. This prepares us for the real world, in which we aren't always going to be a master at what we do. We have to learn how to take in new information and synthesize that into something useful. We have to learn how to learn.

I share a common fear with many others: the fear of the unknown. Nobody can know what the future holds, or what challenges we will face. However, my goal in college is to arm myself with not just knowledge, but a mindset that allows me to adapt to new situations and move past them. I hope that I can learn to trust and rely on others, and that we can help each other move forward. I have no doubt that there will be challenges in the way of that goal, but I believe that I will be well equipped to surpass them.