1. **Based on what you've indicated above, what are your two most significant achievements/activities that demonstrate your initiative, commitment, and perseverance? \*** Word Limit: 250 words

The two most integral activities were volunteering at Jakarta Changemakers and a youth-driven NGO, Bye Bye Plastic Bags (BBPB), which envisions a world free of plastic bags.

Growing up, seeing countless homeless children roaming the streets without access to education was a daily scene. Thus, I volunteered as a tutor at Let’s Teach Session with Changemakers. Commuting was a long ride of 2 hours, but I woke up at 5 am each weekend knowing that I could make a difference in the lives of these kids through teaching them English and communication skills. I coordinated with the curriculum heads to revamp it through the use of flashcards instead of A4 papers for new vocabulary. Seeing my kids advance from the silver to platinum level in just 3 weeks was a priceless moment. Interacting with older volunteers during feedback sessions also helped me develop my social skills too.

Simultaneously, I was involved on my school’s BBPB Team. As a nature enthusiast and the Head of Education in the team, we collaborated with the Student Council to help canteen vendors sell food in plastic alternatives and metal or bamboo cutlery to make our school more environmentally sustainable. We went all the way to sourcing eco-alternative bagasse suppliers that we could order for the initial transition as a readily available substitute to plastic plates. This initiative not just prompted students but also faculty to bring their own water bottles instead of purchasing from vending machine and potentially litter them on the school field.

*Hi Anushka,*

*This essay of yours is well-trimmed and ready to go!*

*- Matthew*