## *We would like to know more about your interest in NYU.* ***What motivated you*** *to apply to NYU? W****hy have you applied or expressed interest*** *in a particular campus, school, college, program, and or area of study? If you have applied to more than one, please also tell us why you are interested in these additional areas of study or campuses. We want to understand – Why NYU? (400 words)* <https://blog.prepscholar.com/why-nyu-essay> ; <https://blog.collegevine.com/nyu-essay-example/> <https://engage.nyu.edu/organization/mission-for-mental-health> ⇒ <https://www.nyu.edu/students/getting-involved/clubs-and-organizations.html> <https://as.nyu.edu/psychology/people/faculty.susan-marie-andersen.html> <https://www.profitableventure.com/starting-a-medical-clinic-business/>

It all started 2 years ago, when my 7-year-old cousin would lose his temper whenever we have weekly family gatherings.

“What causes him to have a bad temperamental disposition?” my technical-self pondered. I couldn’t figure out why, despite having read countless books on child anger management. My growing interest in children behavior, however, soared when my pen pal shared about her younger sister’s extreme mood swings and bipolar symptoms.

Fascinated by the nature vs nurture philosophies that underlie a child’s emotional development, I made it my goal to become a child psychologist and to open a clinic of my own: one that respects and protects children’s privacy. I believe that NYU’s College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), with its interdisciplinary curriculum and diverse student body, is the right breeding ground to get me there.

As a Psychology major, I am intrigued to study a range of courses, for instances Developmental and Abnormal Psychology. The Developmental Psychology course would granulate my understanding on how children develop emotionally and physically; while Abnormal Psychology would equip me with the identification of disorders, as well as how to treat them.

Equally important is to hone my practical finesse outside of the classroom by means of joining the vast research labs NYU houses. I am excited to work with Dr. Andei Cipman and specifically investigate how children’s cognition could affect or stimulate a mental disorder.

Aiming to graduate with an all-rounded, technical set of skills, I very much realize the importance of financial feasibility and awareness to legal systems in opening my own safe zone for troubled children; thus, I hope to draw upon Stern’s expertise on modules such as Law, Business & Society.

As an avid advocate for emotional wellbeing, I am glad to see how the NYU community would make me feel in my own element, even outside of class. I look forward to championing the change to the stigma of mental illness at the Active Minds Club or the Mission of Mental Health. I also intend to collaborate with the technology, marketing, and design students to improve SafeSpace, a project I started in high school that aims to raise mental health awareness – and potentially use it to reach a broader audience in New York.

Amidst my personal quest to help my cousin, I hope that NYU’s impactful, global network would also enable me to empower children beyond my immediate social circle.

*Hi Kelly,*

*I like the way you finely diced your main points in a chronological fashion. I think it’s now very easy to follow and gets your message right across.*

*Keep up the good work!*

*- Matthew*