**Engineering and Computer Science students are sometimes assumed to have personalities with shared traits or characteristics. What is a trait or characteristic you believe you share with other engineering and computer science students and another where you differ? Please tell us about these two traits and why you chose them. (250 words)**

Engineers, in whichever field they are in, are architects whose high curiosity are satiated by data. It is in our nature to want to know how the world work and I believe that I share this trait. For instance was this immediate enquiry on my parents’ poultry business, “why is the price of the chickens they sell three times lower than that sold in local markets?” With the peculiarly huge ratio, I was determined to find the answer. One set of interview session with the farm’s engineers and admin workers later, I successfully fed my curiosity. The rationale behind was apparently the level of readiness with which the product could be sold: livestock versus processed meat. Even though the scope of this example was at a miniscule scale, I am excited to level up into engineers’ complex processes as we strive towards optimization.

On the contrary, having passion in basketball, I tend to have a habit of introducing non-basketball fans to the game. This so-called persuasion or negotiation skills were what I found somewhat different from my engineering intern co-workers. When a lot of them would focus solely on the meat of the work, I would simultaneously think about the procurement and sales sides of the job. To be willing to venture outside of one’s main area of focus is an attitude that I believe will go a long way, which is what I hope to strengthen and share as I build and nurture both my social and professional networks.

*Hi Octavio,*

*I think you have well-outlined both similarity and difference on the traits of an engineer in a way that’s easy to read in a logical sense. However, just a quick reminder I could say is to be very meticulous with your word choices when you’re trying to expand your idea such that they will come across as neutral, if not more encouraging (i.e. when you said that your fellow interns “didn’t have many interests beside work,” even though that may have been the case).*

*At any rate, good job!*

*- Matthew*