6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom?

“Where does this go?” I asked my sister, pointing to a single bill I held in my hand.

“It’s going around the economy,” my sister said. I was 10, so the word economy was a foreign language to me.

Five years later, when I was introduced to economics, I learned how money goes around the income model. However, I also learned how past and future concepts, like Keynesian and Monetarist schools of thought, might clash with one another since Keynesian holds that wages don’t fall easily. It made me understand how uncertain and ever-evolving economics is. How the subject, like science, is never bound by a textbook.

Through my investing club, I stayed up to date with both macro and micro events and how they affect companies in different business cycles. Consequently, I could forecast their future cash flows and hence compare their stocks’ intrinsic values. My use of economics showed me that the study is truly applicable to almost everything in our lives.

Interested to understand how much economics affects our lives, I pursued an internship with a local business called caroline.id—an online car marketplace. There, I worked closely with the CEO, with whom I analyzed how exchange rates would impact the demand and supply of cars and how behavioral economics theory helped the marketing team sell their cars.

My experiences with the world of economics fueled me to share knowledge with my peers. As the co-economic subject leader for IBlieve—an international organization of IB students, I led group discussions on economic concepts and evaluated real-life economic events and policies. But I didn’t just share knowledge, I found how important having an open mind and collaboration is in economics for a balanced evaluation, assessing different outcomes.

In university, I hope to continue my interest in economics and expand my knowledge beyond the textbooks as an economics major. With my studies, I hope to potentially aid in solving current issues, like education inequality.

*Hey Shelby!*

*Looking good! This essay tells me you’re really into economics and have explored it in various ways both inside and outside of the classroom.*

*My one suggestion: I find your internship experience quite interesting, and would like to know more about how you applied economics concepts in the real world. Expanding on how you helped the business you interned for will be a plus point in the Admissions Officer’s eyes.*

*All the best with the rest of your essays and application!*

*Paul*

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