Why are you **drawn to studying the major** you have selected? Please discuss how **your interests** and related experiences have **influenced your choice**. Specifically, how will an **education from the College** of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and Cornell University **help you achieve your academic goals**? (Please limit your response to 650 words.)

Since I have joined several non-profit organizations in high school (Greenpeace Bandung, ByebyeplasticBags Bandung, and KangPisMan), I gained a lot of understanding from the experiences I have faced, due to this it finally made me take on the major of Environmental and Sustainability.

 In Greenpeace Bandung, a lot of volunteers taught me about the real-life experiences that they have come up against. For example, one of the volunteers went to Kalimantan to warn the coal ships to stop bringing the coal by the sea, as it may harm the sea corals inside the water or joining riots in front of Nestle Jakarta's office to stop using plastic bottles bringing which brings negative feedback for the sea creatures. These people brought me the courage to stand firm on facing reality on saying what is right and what is wrong.

Additionally, joining the *Byebyeplasticbags Bandung* gave me another experiences. It allowed me to bring all my concerns into action. Such as making a cleanup day, making a seminar for young children in local schools about the dangers of plastic, even challenged me to think outside the box on how to warn people in Bandung to stop using plastic.

 Last, KangPisMan organization. Because this is an organization made by the mayor of Bandung, I got the experience to understand the struggle of the social life in Bandung which causes an effect on the environment. Since I was too young, I could only be able to examine the situation. However, only by examining the condition, it taught me a lot of things. For example, I went to a village in Kopo and got to see the root causes of why people kept on littering and causes tremendous flood in the village; after investigating the situation, we finally figured out that it is caused by the less amount of waste disposal and due to that we got to help the people by providing more waste disposal and educating the people to remind them.

Therefore, by joining Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences I want to expand my curiosity towards the root causes of environmental problems in the world and being able to overcome environmental issues that are currently happening today. I believe that Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences can support me in engaging my passion by providing study abroad which allows me to see and understand real-life environmental problems that I have learned in theory. In addition to that, Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has interesting study courses for the Environmental and Sustainability major. I can learn from different aspects of subjects towards the causes of environmental issues, learning human interactions with how they perceive nature, understanding the historical aspects of human interaction towards the environment, and many more. The courses provided will help me be an open-minded person by teaching me to think about different perspectives on the root causes of environmental problems, not only one. It trains me to have strong critical thinking of making solutions.

Moreover, by joining Cornell University, I could also make connections with new people from different majors by joining the extracurriculars provided by Cornell University. I can join the environmental society club where I can meet people having the same passion and being able to make a change together, joining sports clubs such as the soccer team which I have been enjoying since high school or even music club which I can release my stress feelings towards playing the piano.