## *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 started to lose his temper whenever we have weekly family gatherings.

“What causes him to have a bad temperamental disposition?” I asked myself. I spoke to his parents, but they were puzzled too, saying that my cousin seems fine at home. I couldn’t figure out why despite reading countless books about 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 play roles in the process of 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 protects children’s privacy and provides a safe room to express their concerns. And I believe that NYU’s College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), with its emphasis on opening our eyes to different perspectives, is the right place for me.

As a Psychology major, I am intrigued to study a range of courses, specifically Developmental and Abnormal Psychology. The Developmental Psychology course would granulate my understanding on how children develop emotionally or 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, which is 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.

While honing my technical skillsets, I very much realize the importance of financial sustainability and awareness to legal systems in opening my own safe zone for troubled children. The flexibility and interdisciplinary approach NYU provide will give me access to take some courses such as Corporate Finance and Law, Business, & Society at Stern.

As an avid advocate for emotional wellbeing, NYU would make me feel I’m in my own element, even outside of class. I could champion 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 community in New York.

Whether it’s taking courses, learning across disciplines, or working alongside students with different expertise, the richness of perspective NYU offers will not only help me complete my personal quest in helping my cousin, but also other children and beyond.