2. The University values diversity, broadly defined to include diversity of experiences, perspectives, backgrounds, and talents. Enrolling a diverse community of scholars interested in learning with and from each other fosters discussion and discovery inside and outside of the classroom. Please share briefly how you might contribute to, or benefit from, our community of scholars. (Max 150 words)

As an Indonesian female in an international school that was predominantly male and Korean, I can’t say I’ve ever been part of the majority group. In fact, here in Indonesia, the issue of a lack of women as leaders who voice out their opinions still persists. Though my relatives had questioned my desire in attaining a high education and career, I pursued my dreams and strived to prove to my society that females could lead and leave a lasting impact. To further empower young females, I collaborated with a friend I had bonded with overseas in leading a multinational team in an organization and blog platform known as Females BOLD. As part of the University of Minnesota’s community of scholars, I strive to help all individuals feel welcome and encourage them to pursue their goals and lead their community in creating a lasting impact.