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. Since there’s still a lack of women as leaders who voice out their opinions here, I strived to break free of my society’s stereotypical perceptions. To further empower young females, I collaborated with a friend in leading a multinational team in an organization called Females BOLD. Therefore, as someone who’s experienced the difficulties as a minority trying to voice out opinions, I aspire to make a difference. I believe I’d contribute to the University of Minnesota’s community of scholars by encouraging individuals to pursue their goals and lead their community, such as by starting an organization similar to the existing “Undergraduate Women in Business” organization but for women engineers, which would unite them through networking, volunteering, and social events to foster personal and communal growth.