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

**Word limit 350**

Living in a capitalist society, business is a part of my everyday language. Everything has a business side to it. My house was literally a meeting point. One day, I would come home to my dad and his colleagues discussing on how to be the best and take down competitors. Another day, I would overhear someone shouting and see them walking out the door like they lose everything. I guess fighting for a business is worth losing all these people. My dad always told me, I have to be like him, build a business from scratch and fight for it no matter what. Don’t get me wrong, this sounds very pressuring but I took his words as my motivation to dive into the business world and experience it for myself. And since my freshman year of high school, I decided I wanted to be a businesswoman and study business.

During my summer holiday, I interned at PT. BNI Securities, a subsidiary company that runs in the capital market sector. I worked under the command of Sir Indra Wahyudi, branch manager of the company. I analyzed stocks using P/E ratio, joined meeting with analysts, administer clients’ stocks transaction with other intern as a team and write daily reports individually. My favorite part was analyzing the stocks fundamentally. Behind their revenues, equity, and growth is effective management and good leadership.

Working with a team of interns for two weeks, I experienced first hand teamwork and realized that working, as a team is more effective than working individually. Since then, I changed my perspective towards the business world. Today, I realized that collaboration is key to being successful, in both personal lives as well as professional. Sure, competition and rivalry fuel us to be better, but it will only get us so far because we will never get the input and support beyond our own capabilities.

As a future businesswoman, I hope to inspire more people about the value I gained: cooperation, instead of dragging one another down. I am not the brightest start in the sky or born with a silver spoon in my mouth. But I realize that whatever goal I have in the future, I want to share them with others and take advices and critics from them to achieve greater things.