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Personal Essay: What is the most important thing that you would like us to know that is not in your resume?

I look forward to challenges at the IE School of Science and Technology because challenging experiences are how I learn the most. Higher education challenges my drive for continuous improvement. I have a profound appreciation for the processes and systems that contribute to decision-making insights. I see an opportunity for my growth here in Spain at the IE School of Science and Technology. My perseverance, openness, joy of knowledge, and disciplined mindset will allow me to add value to the IE School of Science and Technology.

Sorting through data output is time-consuming and I want to improve this process in international companies when I begin my career. The complexities of trading data internally in my previous work experience inspired me to learn more about simplifying this process between different business sectors. “Identifying the business model dimensions of data sharing: a value-based approach” by Dr. Alvaro Arenas, an associate professor of information systems at IE School of Business, has highlighted the transparency challenges faced in the data sharing process. I am intrigued by the systemic relationship between big data and analysts. His work emphasizes the need for trust in a virtual environment which could be improved for efficiency.

Accurately reading data and increased ability to make effective decisions are critical for my future career. I strive to provide sustainable solutions in business analytics and big data to enhance the efficiency of decision-making from data. My ability to research problems and offer my unique insights can be utilized in this ever-growing industry. Overall, it will ease the process for people who are not adept to the background in analytics. I am interested in personal development and helping others grow. Not only do I want to become an expert in this field, but I seek a better understanding of my surroundings through cultural exchange.

Studying internationally, I learned to connect with people and be more patient. During my 5-month experience studying in Athens, Greece, I found it rewarding to talk to people from diverse backgrounds and form genuine connections with others. I cherish the spontaneous trips to breathtaking monasteries and late-night study sessions in the library. After class, my peers would help me learn to speak Greek, teaching me how to order various foods or ask for directions to impress local citizens. I could understand entire conversations at the end of my 5 months with no prior history of the language. Although most people spoke English, there was an added familiarity when I would speak to other students in their native language. My classmates were excited to hear about how I grew up in the United States. Quickly acclimating to a new area brought me exuberant joy. When my family visited me, I was able to introduce them to the friends I had made and show them places besides the popular tourist attractions.

During my stay, I appreciated my opportunity to gain experience in Greek culture. I enjoyed using their public transportation, outdoor gyms, and hiking mountains around Athens. When I returned home, I remained active and began cooking Mediterranean recipes of the new foods I tried. This enlightening experience influenced my decision to continue learning abroad. At the IE School of Science and Technology in Spain, I will educate myself on the internal challenges of data sharing and the culture.