The persistence mindset:

I faced many challenges when I moved to the united states, I came here alone I did not know anybody,

I wasn’t speaking any English at all so I felt homesick for so long because I could not communicate with

people around me. I tried to use my foreign degree here to get a job but I failed several time. Even when I had some interviews, I was not able to articulate my thoughts in English, so it was so hard to get my point across. This was a serious problem in my daily live and at some points after many failures, i realized that if I wanted to be integrated and get a decent job here I had to go back to school, learn English and then use my degree the way it should be used. I also realized I would try to get a sort of form of american education to boost my chances. It took me some time to get to the point of registering for English classes and then start to learn the language or find people to practice with. To be honest, it was also stressful to have to pay very expense tuition fees for classes and as we all know if you don’t pay that on time you can be kicked out of the class and even you passed the exams your transcripts would never be released until you pay the money.

This also speaks to the financial limitation that I encountered during my first year in the state.

I had to provide for myself and find a way to go to school almost every day, spend hours and hours to practice the language with whoever I could find on campus just for the purpose of practicing my pronunciation. That was a difficult time for me, but I overcame that therefore I am proud because I put all the work in to knock down my language barrier which is in some ways an act of accomplishment for me.