1. ***Who are you?*** Describe yourself and what you’re interested in. What are you studying at Tech?

I am Sai Mada and a bit about myself is that I like talking to others and exploring new and interesting things. It is also common for me take risks and push my boundaries. I am also a very visual learner and I understand information much better when I can see it in action or demonstrations of it. I am interested in learning about humans from a macro and micro scale and correlating human interaction with their inner workings. Some interests I have outside of academics are sports such as basketball and volleyball. I am currently studying as a Biology major at Tech.

1. ***What is science?*** What does *doing science* mean to you?

Science is the study of everything around us at the physical and natural levels through experimentation and observation. Science is trying to understand how and why the world around us works. Science to me means a method to satisfy my curiosity about the world around me.

1. ***What’s your experience with biology?*** What is your past experience with learning biology? What did you enjoy most? What do you find most challenging in biology (either in the past, this semester thus far, or both)? Do you like working in lab?

My past experience with Biology includes taking classes such as AP Biology, DNA Science I & II, Neurobiology, and I have also done scientific research at GMU (Computational Neuroscience) and NIH (Bioinformatics). The most challenging aspects of Biology to me are learning about transport systems and making connections between different biological systems. I like working in the lab a lot and I have had experience with both dry and wet labs, but I do find myself sometimes making mistakes when keeping track of my lab book.

1. ***Why are you taking Biology 1520?*** What do you hope to learn as a result of this lab class? (Maybe we can make it happen!) How does biology connect with your major?

I am really interested in Biology which is the reason I am a Bio major and after passing out of 1510 I wanted to continue on building my foundation in Biology before taking a second year Bio course. In addition, I needed more credit hours to satisfy requirements for my major. I hope to learn applications of Biology that I learned in lectures and my readings into hands own experiments and labs to solidify my knowledge and build upon it as well. Biology has a direct connection with my major since it is the foundation and I will later move onto a specialized section of Biology.

1. ***What’s your experience with group work?***Describe your experience working in groups in the past. What have you enjoyed and why? What problems did you encounter and why? What challenges do you anticipate?

My experience in group work was mostly in labs and group projects at school. It usually involved planning meetings, receiving and giving constructive feedback, and coordinating and splitting up work. I enjoyed working and trying to understand different perspectives on work and also it was much more enjoyable then working by yourself. Some problems I encountered includes not being able to schedule meeting times and locations that people can attend because people leaved in different places and had different schedules. Also I sometimes had to deal with people slacking off on work or not completing work on time. Some challenges I expect are scheduling times to work with each other since everyone has their own busy schedules.