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I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System.

#### Assignment 6

I plan to live in Jersey City after I graduate from Stevens. I plan to live in Jersey City because of the quick commute to work, a more laid-back environment compared to New York City, as well as cheaper living costs. To make a living, I have already accepted a job offer as a software developer at Orchard, a late-stage startup with an office in the Financial District of the city, next to the World Trade Center. My daily life there would be half commuting to the office with the PATH, and half working from home in my apartment building. This commute would be less than 20 minutes, which is a huge benefit of living in Jersey City, and is a faster commute than half of Manhattan. At the office, I plan to interact with my coworkers and managers and build those relationships in person, as well as attending team-building events such as happy hours and dinners in the city. While working from home, I imagine my days to be quiet and more solitary, with amenities in my apartment complex to keep me busy after work.

On the weekends, I still plan to enjoy close proximity to the city by meeting friends from high school, college, and work, but the separation that Jersey City creates from the city will give me the perfect excuse to take days for myself and focus on things such as developing my personal hobbies and fitness. This more laid-back environment will allow me to prevent burnout, while also allowing me to be more social in the city when I want. Finally, with both Jersey City and New York City having so many young professionals, I plan to meet a lot of new people and expand my social circle, both within the software developer community, as well as at social events such as bars and clubs in the city.