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Numerous individuals, each with their own distinctive narrative and personality, are seen hurrying to and from various locations as I stroll across my university's busy campus. Each one of writing their own story of life. Hi there! I am Syed Hannan Ali and buckle up as we embark on a journey to explore my life today.

As a bright kid from the start, I never really found school hard. A colorful child having aspirations, I never stopped to dream big. Though you don’t always get what you want, but coming from a humble background my younger self would surely be proud of me as I am today. I always took part in extra-curricular activities which I believe have firmly played a significant role in shaping me into a confident being.

After matriculation, I continued my educational brilliance in college and passed with flying colors. After always being a top student, it was hard for me to cope with reality of not making it to my dream medical college. But still, I believe life has something in store for all of us; perhaps for a greater good. The paths I then chose brought me here, where you are having a glimpse of my journey.

Apart from studies, I am of average height and healthy build, with dark hair and brown eyes. However, I believe one’s true essence lies beyond physical appearance. A person who is unable to value kindness, empathy, and a sense of humor, is just a dead soul trapped in a humanly body. I believe that laughter is one of the most powerful and healing forces in the world, and I try to infuse my interactions with others with good humor and positivity.

In terms of my interests, I am passionate about a wide variety of topics, from literature to science to art. I love to read and write, and I am constantly seeking out new books and authors to explore. I am also a lover of nature, and I find peace and solace in spending time outdoors, whether it's hiking in the mountains or simply taking a walk in a local park. One of my all-time favorite writer has to be Khalid Hosseini. “For you a thousand times over!” is not just a phrase, it is a whole world of emotion of itself. It perfectly describes a living being for me. For the people and things that are a world to us, we are drawn into temptation of submission. Only if this submission is towards the right path, the earth would be a lot better to live on.

Moving ahead in life, I solemnly want to continue my rather impressive journey. Finishing off university with learning everything it has to offer, will be satisfactory reward of my efforts. This particular field does have a lot to offer. I am not yet sure which niche I’d like to put my eggs in, but at the moment I am trying to cope with what’s on my plate semester by semester. My dream placement is Google like multiple students. But I would In sha Allah make it happen one day.

One of my defining characteristics is my sense of empathy and compassion. I believe that one of the most important things we can do as human beings is to try to understand and connect with others on a deep level. I am always striving to be a better listener, to be more patient and understanding, and to be more present in the moment. Ultimately the world doesn’t care about us, the time doesn’t care about us, the wind the water nothing cares about us, that is the reason we have to care about each other. We have to be there for each other. This is the mantra of my life.

I was never bullied in school, despite all the doubts I’ve had about myself. The experiences that I went through were a bit more quiet. Because of my hybrid nature, I flitted between social groups, changing myself a little for each one. The more I did it, the easier it seemed to go deeper and deeper behind the facades. When I say this, I speak for mostly majority of the students. By the time we start university, we already have built up a nearly impenetrable floodgate to keep back everything that we are sure people will find strange or unappealing; the shallow person that we show is free of everything the status quo will reject. As much as we try to break down these walls, it’s still one of the most difficult tasks one faces in life. Ultimately, the process of exploring oneself is ongoing and never-ending. It requires a commitment to personal growth and a willingness to be open to new experiences and perspectives.

In conclusion, achieving your goals requires hard work, dedication, and perseverance whether it be materialistic or something greater. It is important to stay focused on your goals, to remain flexible and adaptable as circumstances change, and to celebrate your successes along the way. With the right mindset and approach, you can achieve your personal goals and realize your full potential. Over the past years, I’ve tried to unearth who I really am. Between helping people, taking care of myself and finding joy in my life, the dust of my own doubts has obscured my vision. Thankfully, quarantine has given me more time to discover that. I’ve realized that more than anything, I want the strength to stand on my own, as an individual. Even when I’m faced with pressure or judgement, I want to be able to be myself authentically.