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Why UVA for me?

UVA: Jefferson's Academic Village

When I had 10 schools' offers in hands four years ago, I made a decision to come to UVA, Thomas Jefferson's Academic Village. In retrospect, I have never regretted the very significant decision I made for myself: to spend my precious four years at such a wonderful university. This decision has helped me to grow both as a student and as a person. As a student educated in the best public school of the nation, built by the second President of the nation, Thomas Jefferson, I have the chance to challenge myself academically by talking to talented students, learning from many scholars & intellectuals, and taking interesting classes in many subjects. As a person in Charlottesville community, I made the efforts to be an honest person, because of the honor system at UVA. The honor system is a great legacy of Thomas Jefferson, which values trust among people and requires every UVA student to be an honorable person by not cheating, lying or stealing. No matter where I go and what I do in the future, I will always cherish honesty, the most important value at the University of Virginia.

McIntire School of Commerce: Ranked No. 2 in Newsweek

To be a McIntire student in the University's McIntire School of Commerce is an honor at UVA because it has consistently been ranked as the No. 2 undergraduate business program in Newsweek Magazine. Every year, the Commerce School receives many impressive applications from the best second year college students in the nation. They are bold, fearless, and ambitious to make a difference in the business world. With nearly 70% of admission rate, McIntire School of Commerce makes sure it gives the admission to the students with both extraordinary academic capacities and leadership capabilities. In McIntire School, I not only learned a great deal about every aspect of business, including finance, marketing, strategy and organization behavior from its integrated core experience (ICE) but also developed a true passion for business by spending time around the most experienced commerce professors and talented students.

Get Involved in Student Council

In 2007, I was involved in UVA Student Council and became the co-chair of Diversity Initiative Committee. Student Council is the governing body of students at the University of Virginia. The purpose of Student Council is to further consider the best interests of all students at the university in matters affecting student life and affairs. Its members are UVA students with

extraordinary leadership skills and enormous determination to make UVA a better place. The experience of being a co-chair of DI committee gave me the opportunities to know and learn from many top student leaders at UVA and also taught me how to work in a team. As one of the two international students who served in Student Council, I tried to bring different voices to the Council and influence the decision making process on important matters by speaking up and adding different opinions that benefit international students.

Go to Oxford: Study Abroad Program

To study abroad in University of Oxford is definitely a highlight in my college life. Oxford summer program offers students two months learning experience in University College at University of Oxford. The summer curriculum includes various subjects, such as history, economics, literature, and politics. Oxford lecturers and professors are assigned to teach the classes so UVA students have the opportunities to interact with the Oxford scholars. When I was in Oxford, I lived in students' dorm rooms on high street, the center of the Oxford community that's been subject of many paintings and photographs. After my morning classes, I usually strolled on beautiful streets in Oxford or enjoyed a show in London with my UVA friends. Thanks to the Study Abroad Program, I had the opportunity to explore the world. The joy of traveling and the elegant atmosphere at Oxford are unforgettable experience during my four years at UVA.

Find a Great Future for Yourself: Work with Career Services

Four years ago, I came to UVA with the questions of who I should be and what I should do in the future. To be in commerce school developed my interest in finance industry and gave me a dream to be an investment banker; Commerce & University Career services taught me how to realize my dream step by step. The staff in Career Services not only helped me make contact with the financial firms on Wall Street, but also taught me how to write impressive resume, make conversations with employers, and perform well in interviews. After the hard work, I have found a great starting point for my own career. After graduation, I will join Merrill Lynch as a junior investment banker. Without working with career services in the University, I couldn't have made it this far for my career development.

