

Common Application Essay

Student Name

Course

Affiliation

My contribution to diversity in a college community is in the form of my personal background, coupled with real-world experience. Growing up, deciding on what I wanted to do in my life was hard. I spent my childhood and early teenage years in Morocco, in a tight knit community where friends and families always surrounded me. In such a community, I had little say; not even concerning my life. However, I knew we needed change, and we would realize it only if we, the young Moroccans did something out of the ordinary to enable us to make a difference.

Since my first year in high school, back in Morocco, I developed immense interest in studying in the United States. The school comprised of students from various ethnicities from Morocco, different from the usual community I knew all through. However, my life would not be any fascinating and adventurous if I continued to learn and live with the same people I grew up with. I love diversity; in my classes I learnt much about the U.S education, history and cultures. I knew I wanted to study further in this super power; the melting pot. I went to Switzerland in my last year in high school where I joined a boarding school. Living away from my family and community was hard, at first, but I came to love it with time.

I never knew diversity until I joined this school in Switzerland. In addition, I did not quite realize the importance of my talents until I came to this international school. I have a passion in singing, modeling and participating in marathons. Back home, such talent is not celebrated as much as it was there. I participated in inter-school competitions, in marathon and modeling, and did our teams proud. Additionally, there were many clubs that one could join. One of my favorite was the business club. Our leaders would organize practical activities for us to work out as a group. Once, we had to raise some money for the club kitty. We divided ourselves into groups and assigned various locations to plead for help from other students. At one point, I realized that

we had collected fewer than expected. We had to find a better strategy to attract people and urge them to contribute. I took over and started singing one of my favorite Moroccan songs. I attracted a large crowd, who could sing along with me by the time I repeated the chorus for the third time. This amazed me; that day we collected more than all other groups and emerged the best. I realized that music unites people from all over, despite their religious, racial, or social affiliations. Since then, we incorporated singing as one of our strategies and we did this even while doing charity work. I participated in many charity events since my early age, and I have seen good results from my efforts.

Studying in a boarding school, I became more responsible, self-sufficient, and independent at a young age. I built good relationships with my fellow students and teachers, whom we still maintain friendship up to date. I, also, learnt how to manage time efficiently. Moreover, I was amazed by the similarities and differences in different cultures that I came across each day. I kept thinking of how valuable my culture is, and more so how better it would get if we incorporated some aspects from other cultures. I, also, realized that we need some modern equipments and techniques to enhance the quality of music and its presentation back home. However, I was not satisfied with this experience, I still felt the urge to study in the United States.

Business is the backbone of the economy. Knowing this is what motivates me to study business each day. Without business knowledge, it will be extremely hard for a musician or any other talent to enter and thrive in the industry. In my country, this knowledge is quite inadequate; this is what partly hurts the music industry. Looking back at where I come from, and my personal progress, I know I will realize my dream-of a prosperous music industry in Morocco. If I gained this knowledge, I am sure I will make a positive impact to my society and our country as

a whole. To make a difference and lead in changing the status quo, I strongly feel the need to further in business and music studies. Only a Major in Music Industry is appropriate for me to execute this. A good education is crucial, however, only a good education system and diverse environment will afford it.

Diversity is a very vital aspect in life. In the U.S. schools, where the society is increasingly multicultural, diversity is particularly crucial. Where diversity prevails, people get along well with each other while the contrary brings prejudice. Diversity is tremendously important in a college community since it allows students have greater respect for those who hold different points of view and beliefs than themselves. Therefore, it fosters the exchange of ideas, enriching the school as a whole. Studying in the US will be a significant step to achieving my dream of improving the music industry back at home. I am highly confident that I am a great asset to your university owing to my diversity, my passions, talents and my strong will to learn and make a positive impact the society. Giving me a chance to study in your university will be a great experience for the University and myself.