

Since I was little, I've always been fascinated by art. I would spend all my free time, pondering and exploring the realms of art, painting and drawing abstract scenes. My mind was like a rumbling, roaring engine, and I loved to express my thoughts and imagination through various forms of art. Looking up into the sky, I would always see things differently than others. While it was white and blue to many, my sky was filled with flying dragons with glittering eyes. As I got older, I realized the potential of art as a medium to ignite, circulate and communicate important messages.

In 5th grade, I participated in an Anti-Bullying T-Shirt Design competition held at my school. My friends and I worked on a design, which ultimately represented the diversity and unity of everyone. We wanted to convey the message that words can be a double-edged sword - if used carefully and correctly, they have the power to change a person's life. Despite the competition's challenging prompt, I won first prize and my design was used as an inspiration for my community by printing more designs with other messages. From this, I realized that I can use art not only to express my ideas but also to better the world.

Recently, my passion in art has grown significantly. Although I have always been viewed as a unique and bold person, I have grown to appreciate my "unconventional" style due to art. Art reflects my attitude and my values - using a variety of media such as acrylic, charcoal, wire and plaster produce work such as a fashion collage, sculptures and embroidered denim jacket. I have been able to convey my independence and perseverance. I have learned to become more persistent and determined through art, and this was also reflected in my journey to study abroad at EF Academy.

Leaving my comfort zone of home was difficult, to say the least, but has helped me grow in leaps and miles. I adapted to new environments, people and culture, which further improved my skills to empathize and communicate. It has helped me tremendously to become a better artist - perceiving more angles and more daring to try novel ideas. I hope to be able to further pursue my interests at Parsons School of Design where creativity and excellence is fostered. At Parsons, I believe I will be able to grow as an artist and fine-tune my techniques and abilities. Most importantly, with my determination and consistent passion in art, I would once again love the opportunity to explore styles and medias outside of my comfort zone and be able to confidently translate my imagination and thinking beyond words into my unique art form.

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