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As a future CCNY Computer Science graduate, being a person who is tech savvy means I strive to express the love I have had for technology since I was a kid by working in a big technology company. Ever since I was introduced to technology, I've been fascinated by the way it works. As a kid I used technology my whole life. It started off as using a basic PC Specifically a (Gateway SX2840-01) and studying the fundamentals of it. For example, knowing how to delete files or even how to customize something. I even learned how to edit a website for it to say whatever I wanted so I can trick people and joke around with them. Later, the PC started to give me trouble in terms of slowing down, not opening apps and even developing viruses. I started watching YouTube videos on these things which helped me acquire a lot of knowledge on how things work and that helped me solve these issues. After a while the PC gave up on me, so I decided to open it and inspect it to see if there was a cable that wasn't attached, or something was abnormal, so I started fidgeting around with it, not knowing what I was doing, and went to plug it back in the PC started to work again. I felt powerful like I can fix anything and that's when I fell in love with technology.

The world is slowly advancing into technology, almost everything we use every day has been processed through a computer and that's why I feel like it's important that a lot of people know how the fundamental of a computer works. One of my biggest motivations for becoming a Computer Science major is the fact that when someone hears "Computer Science major" They automatically think of a nerd who doesn't go outside and is anti-social. I don't consider myself as a nerd, but I am semi anti-social. I can say I'm laid back and chill and like socializing with cool and chill people. So, changing the way people view the computer science majors is one of my biggest motivations. Another one is ethnicity, before college I never really saw Hispanic computer science majors, I only knew one Hispanic that was in the field out of the handfuls that I've spoken to. So, earning a degree in this field being a Dominican would make me feel good and make my people look good. I'm also goal driven and would consider myself as a problem solver. The field is primarily surrounded by problem solving which is something that I really enjoy. You try to find code that's bugging something and try to detect it to later fix it and even make it a little simpler and hopefully stop it from happening again. At my job my main task is to

problem solve, as a supervisor at Chick Fil A I run a team so the business can run smoothly. A lot of time things can happen where the business runs smoothly, or it runs badly. I've experienced both. When it runs badly, I need to plan quickly on the spot so I can solve the problem and while keeping the team satisfied and the business moving. This experience connects to my major because I'd also love to start my own computer business with my own team. I don't know exactly what kind of business because I haven't investigated it. But I know I have the experience to manage a team and by the time I get to that point I'm going to have a good amount of knowledge to in the field to help the team.

In 6 years from now I see myself working for a small company in New York City networking in an office and meeting a lot of new people. My goal is to hopefully work for google one day I'd love to network and meet a lot of new people because you never know if that person can help me develop the business, I want to create one day. With the money I earn from computer science another one of my interests is real estate. I want to earn passive income by fixing houses and selling them for profit. I want to do this because It'll help me make enough money to start a strong company or live comfortably where I don't have to worry about anything. I took a computer science class during high school that was a semester long and I enjoyed it so much. We learned how to make websites, how to make links that you can click on, and they'll work then press another link and they'll take you to the homepage. We made video games that you can control, and they'll work! What I enjoyed the most about that class was that majority of the assignments were trying to fix what was wrong in the code. We had to scan through a whole bunch of code and try to understand why the specific website or game wasn't working then after you found the defect and corrected it, then you'll see the game working again it was rewarding because you fixed a problem and see that is working properly. My family members on my father side are mostly engineers. We have civil engineers, chemical engineer, and mechanical engineer but most of them come from the Dominican Republic so they really can't apply their degree over here because it wouldn't count. That motivates me to be the first computer engineer let alone the first engineer in my family that has a degree in the United States. I've been reading about people life who majored in this field, and they seem to have enjoyed it a lot which enlightens me to pursue this career because if this is something I'm going

to be doing for the rest of my life I want to make sure I'm enjoying it. To conclude, I want to show the love I have for technology by working in a big technology company because of the passion I have had for it since I was a kid.