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Dear Professor Stemberg,

I would like to explain who I am as your student and why I am taking your class. I am a student going into my second year of college after this summer. I am majoring in computer science. I've gone down this path because I practiced coding in high school. I have always found coding entertaining to do and satisfying when you successfully solve problems or finish projects.

However, it can be frustrating when you're stuck trying to figure something out. In high school, I would be in a software engineering class that taught us how to code games with Unity and solve problems using Python. It was the most entertaining class out of all of the ones I took. I am far from perfect mastering coding and I have had a lot of trouble with it. Therefore, I decided to major in computer science to get further knowledge and experience. In the future, I would like to become a video game developer. The video game industry can be very competitive so if that doesn't work out then I could work for any tech-company. I am not set on becoming a video game developer so I am keeping my options open. I am from Staten Island. Even though it is one

of the five boroughs, it is commonly considered its own city in many applications asking for my information. One of my challenges is finding my footing in college. Many of the greater colleges are outside of Staten Island and are in the other boroughs. I originally went to NJIT in New Jersey because it was an amazing college. However, the commute there and its out of state cost was too much for me. I have chosen CCNY because of its good reputation and affordable tuition. So I would have to do a long commute to Manhattan everyday for classes. I would also need to finish my prerequisite classes before I take my major as well which will take extra time. Some of my successes is, of course, getting accepted to CCNY and all of the colleges I've applied to. I have also passed the AP computer science exam so I have that credit. Some challenges I would want to be involved in with engineering is to work as a team in projects. I have always been afraid to ask for help and to be seen as useless. However, it is okay to do this because everyone needs help in some shape or form. I would just like to practice this more since I struggle with this frequently. In the future, I would like to see myself in a tech-company assisting in creating technology that makes human lives easier. Examples would be creating software for phones or sorting data more efficiently. I would like to do this or assist in the development of new video games to share entertainment to our audience. Both are futures that I would enjoy being a part of. Overall, I am taking this class because it will help me take a step forward towards my goal. I am taking it in the summer because I am a student who transferred in the spring 2023 semester. Due to me being a transfer student, I scheduled my classes late so I couldn't get Writing For Engineers in the spring. This is why I am taking this class in the summer. This helps me focus on math and other general study courses in the fall as well. Thank you for reading and I hope this makes you get to know me better. I am looking forward to learning and using the knowledge that this class has to offer.

Sincerely,

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