*I ascended the building towards Levine, only to be alerted by the sound of metal clinking loudly. It was a robot, casually rolling down the stairs, with its master gripping a remote control. I observed its convoluted design, smiling in remembrance of the freedom I have had at Penn.*

“You can be God” was a rather tempting phrase to hear, at the time.
Linguists believe that every day, the average person creates more than one sentence that he has never used before in his life. A distinct combination of words and syntax enables us to communicate thoughts, feelings, and ideas that know no bounds. The principle that the world is dynamic in this way, yet approachable with code has fueled my desire to learn programming languages.
At home, I had been the one who fixed our broken printer, who inserted the new graphics card, and who set up *Skype* accounts. My visits to *Mr. Bhushanji’s* house usually resulted in scanning his computer for viruses and installing games for his children. I share an elementary yet special connection with my computer, and I would never walk away from a discussion of the installation of a new processor.
I knew computer science was for me when I first hit *IPCONFIG* in command prompt, seeing a seemingly complex set of numbers and alphabets separated by dots. This fascination initiated my zeal for software development in the pursuit of its large-scale implications and its ability to accomplish intricate tasks.

To me, the fact that the CIS curriculum highly complements Penn’s research opportunities is one of Penn Engineering’s most appealing qualities. The General Robotics, Automation, Sensing and Perception (GRASP) laboratory and research center encourages collaboration and interaction with students from different departments in Engineering. If I had learned anything from poster-making sessions in eighth grade, it would be that nothing succeeds better than a team of people who possess individualized skills. I see Penn’s course of research as boundless, enabling me to work on innovative projects in fields such as robotics and nanomechanics with a group of MEAM and ESE undergraduates.
Penn’s open curriculum further supports my aspirations to take Operations Management courses from Wharton, shouldering my plans for software distribution and similar technology-driven business endeavors.
My interests would be further propelled by my membership in the *Dining Philosophers,* and myenthusiasm would be sustained by my active participation in the *PennApps Hackathon*, which shares my thirst for innovation.

The articulation of engineering at Penn caught my eye and coaxed me to attend SAAST, the Summer Academy in Applied Sciences and Technology, for its computer science program, and in the short time I stayed on campus, Penn has become my home and my top choice university. The days I spent in the University of Pennsylvania were an excellent learning experience which served as a reminder of how Penn epitomizes my vision, passion, and inventiveness.
And most of all, during these twenty days, I was part of a community of learners and achievers who strive to raise the bar.  *I run towards the GRASP lab, listening to the sound of my lanyard as it shakes around my neck, reaching to swipe my PennCard with authority to enter my home.*