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Although there are many experiences that have shaped my personality, I believe these three had the greatest impact on me and helped me learn a lot.

The first one is when I got the honor of serving as the house captain of our school house for the academic year 2015-2016.I discovered that being a house captain is not an easy job. There were many responsibilities on my shoulders. When I began my period as the house we stood at the bottom in the overall championship.  Despite the many difficult circumstances, the one thing which kept me moving was the fact that my housemates had complete trust in me. I was the one whom they were looking up to. With highs and lows, we as a team were able to achieve the runners-up position of the overall championship.

The second experience that helped me discover myself was when I started working an intern in an I.T. Services company called Double Infinity Inc. It was there that I learnt to develop software. I’ve worked on developing products using languages like C, Java. I have also learnt to document the whole process. This internship made me familiarize with different coding languages.

The experience which had the greatest emotional impact on me was when I began volunteering at a local shelter home. I taught basic math and science to kids of age group 6-10 years. Although I was the one teaching them, I was also the one who learnt a lot from them. I’ve also rescued few puppies in the year 2015 and the BlueCross provided them the shelter and few of those got adopted also.

When I look back, I feel these were the experiences that have had a great educational and emotional impact on me and helped me develop as a person. These experiences have helped me evolve me as a person. The skills that I gained from my experiences will surely help me strive and utilize all the opportunities available at the university to succeed.

**Activities – This is optional and you may choose to work on it or leave it blank**

Please use this space to list or discuss your activities other than academic work during the last several years (for example: school organizations, jobs, athletics, the arts, community service, religious groups, or other individual interests).

You may already have an activities resume or list prepared and should feel free to paste it into the space below. We suggest a limit of 500 words or fewer.

**Gap Year essay – We have used this in the other essays and would use it here too.**

Currently I'm pursuing my first year of bachelors in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, from V.N.R. Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering and Technology, an autonomous institute under J.N.T.U., Hyderabad. However my passion for computer science engineering has made me take this decision of applying to your esteemed university. Despite joining college, my passion for computers made me take up online courses such as “Introduction to Python”, offered by Microsoft. I also went ahead attending workshops on Ethical Hacking and Android App Development conducted by IIT Kanpur. I have also interned at I.T Services Company. Given an opportunity I wish to accomplish my dream of being a Computer Science Engineer.