Personal Statement

Many instances in my academic life have influenced my decision to pursue the Computer Engineering major for my graduate program. I live by Steve Jobs' word that, "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." I have learned not to be trapped by dogma, and not to be always influenced by people's opinions. I also learned from Steve Jobs to be courageous and follow my heart and intuition. Accordingly, to become successful in life, I understand I need to follow my heart and do what really interests me. I am interested in computers, which is the area into which I want to venture. As a kid, I used to visit my father in the office and admired the way he operated computers. By then, it was very exciting because I had an opportunity to interact with computers, which were very rare among people.

Later, when I was in elementary school, my friends and relatives always asked me computer-related questions, which I was able to answer most of the time. That contributed to enhancing my self-confidence to examine my dream and learn more about computers and their aspects. At the age of 15, I started an online marketing business, which is integrally a method of promoting a website, in which a marketer earns for every visitor he or she introduces through a referral link. The business was very complex initially because of its competitive nature, and it is very difficult to keep up with advertisers' demands. In order to have a good relationship with advertisers, I had to deliver large traffic of visitors to their websites or products. However, the advertisers can ask you to halt traffic to their websites, or even ban you from their affiliate-marketing program. Thankfully, I came up with an effective method of marketing and earn decently from advertisers. I believe this business has really helped me to gain much experience about computers and marketing, as well as how to socialize with advertisers.

I now dedicate my time and effort to what I like because it always leads to success. I would like to become a successful computer engineer and have the technical ability to innovate new technologies that can make using computers much simpler. I wanted to know the importance of computers in today's world. Therefore, I took many computer classes in high school that were not compulsory. I took BCIS (Business Computer Information Systems), focusing on business applications software like word processers, excel spreadsheets, access databases, and power point presentations.

Another class that really inspires me is Engineering Graphics, which provides a background in orthographic projection, engineering drawing techniques, and drafting of software. For instance, we used AutoCAD, which is a computer-aided design and drafting software. AutoCAD allows engineers and designers to create two and three-dimensional prototypes to complete graphical drawings assignments. I also studied Adobe software like Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and Adobe Flash. Having taken all these classes has really helped me to find the right major. I have always tried my best to achieve the most effective solutions in order to build a rising success.