

Essay 2: Community & Contribution

Community, to me, is built through small but consistent acts of connection. In high school, I noticed that new students often struggled to feel included, especially those coming from different educational systems. I decided to start a peer support group where students could share experiences, ask questions, and simply feel heard.

At first, participation was low. Many students were hesitant to speak. Instead of pushing, I focused on creating a comfortable environment, organizing informal meetups, encouraging storytelling, and leading by example. Slowly, the group grew into a space where students felt safe discussing both academic challenges and personal transitions.

Through this experience, I learned that building community isn't about leading loudly, it's about listening carefully.

At NYU, I hope to bring this same mindset. Whether through student organizations or informal spaces, I want to help create environments where people feel valued and included. NYU's diversity offers a unique opportunity to engage with perspectives from around the world, and I am eager to both contribute to and learn from that community.

I believe the strongest communities are not defined by similarity, but by mutual respect, and that is exactly what I hope to build at NYU.



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