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Milton Hershey didn't have wild success in his famous Hershey's chocolate overnight. He worked hard and failed multiple times before finally perfecting his art. Not only does that mean even the oddest ideas can turn out to be innovative and best-sellers, but to keep on trying. Perseverance is not easy and comes with doubt, stress, and even others making negative comments. However, this doesn't mean I shouldn't drive myself towards my goals. Instead, the drive that I have is so strong that even unintended consequences don't shake me.

I'm a high school sophomore hoping to major in Computer Science at a four year university and land a career in Data Science. This journey can be challenging and boring. That's why I should understand why I'm even going through it so I don't give up and relieve boredom. Ever since I was young, I've been interested in technology and exploration. I enjoy using 3D printers and laser cutters and always come up with ideas of what to create. If I were to tell all my peers a message, it would be to get involved! Whether it's learning more about whatever you're passionate about or serving your community by volunteering, I believe you can really put meaning to your goal and be more motivated to pursue it. This is why I used the makerspace to use technology like the 3D printer and laser cutter for cool projects. I want to be a Data Scientist because I get to help and inform others. I'm driven by the intent and impact. Additionally, this is not my only goal. I wish to open my own business one day in Computer Science. After you have achieved one of your goals, another goal is not so out of reach.

Change starts with you! If you think it's not time, it's been time to start. The issue has gotten worse day by day. If you think you can't do it, look at notable figures around you. They have gotten past that. We have to believe in ourselves and be the one. It's better to be more ambitious than you should, than not enough. When I volunteered at the library, there was once a never-ending line of patrons for my summer reading table. I was first in panic not knowing how to solve this. Very shortly, I worked with my partner and split the lines, and developed a more efficient registration process. Challenges like these brought me a new opportunity and allowed me to make a change, however minor it may be. I believe my '4 year university' could be Stanford or another top-tier college.

With a clear and positive mindset, I can use my skills and experience I've gained to my advantage in order to earn admission.

Finally, getting through managing long lines requires perseverance and my future education and opening a business will require a lot more. In my journey, my interest from a young age and being involved will drive me far. I go beyond only one and want to pursue even more goals. If the world needs a change, I'm the one to make it before it's too late. I would be so fortunate and grateful to attend a top-tier university and study Computer Science to have my own company one day. I hope to have inspired you and hope to inspire many more. Thank you for your time to read about what drives me.