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Dear Professor Rodwell,

 I am writing to tell you a bit about myself as we dive into this spring semester to develop connectivity. My name is Tristan Chong, and I'm a freshman attending The City College of New York for a bachelor's degree in computer science. I attended Brooklyn Technical High School, and this school had its own major system. As a sophomore, you are forced to pick from a selection of different majors. This was one of the biggest decisions because I needed to decide what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, and the only thing that seemed to interest me was computer science. Over the course of my junior and senior years, the school created my schedule around my major, giving me courses like AP Computer Science A, IT/Data Infrastructure, Web Development, and so much more in order to lay the foundation I needed for college.

Currently, I am focusing on maintaining at least a 3.7 GPA to create a good base for future semesters, so if I were to make mistakes, my grade wouldn't suffer as much. This semester seems to be more challenging than the last, so one of my biggest short-term goals is to make sure I stay on top of all my classes, especially Calculus 2, which needs at least a C to pass. The main focus right now is to excel in my academics and build up my knowledge in order to look for internships in the near future. I plan to work over the summer to build more working experience as well as generate income. Another big goal I would like to achieve within the next couple of months is to at least gain 10 pounds. To do this, I go to the gym consistently, so I can increase my physique to a healthier weight. My long-term goal is to acquire a high paying job in the field of computer science. Currently, I am leaning towards software development for big companies like Spotify, Amazon, Google, etc. To achieve this, I would need at the very least a bachelor's degree as well as a lot of prior working experience. Currently, a master's degree isn't a goal for me, as I don't believe it is required. However, this decision is subject to change as I progress through college.

Computer science in the future, I believe, is going to be more important than ever. As our world continues to progress and advance in technology, the computer science field will continue to grow in order to keep up. However, with the outburst of artificial intelligence over the past year, there are some concerns about AI replacing software developers as it continues to advance, and there are times where I wonder if I would even be able to land a job after I graduate. However, after giving it some thought, I believe that AI would only be used as an aid to computer scientists instead of taking over and making the job itself useless. AI uses existing data rather than thinking outside the box like we do, so it's best for repeated tasks rather than innovation. I think in the future we will solve problems with the assistance of AI instead of

having AI solve things for us. With this in mind, I will continue my dream of becoming a great software developer with the hopes of contributing to the technological world.

Sincerely,

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