

How will an international education help me make a difference in the world?

To interconnect in today's world, students must learn to appreciate other cultures and develop the skills necessary to live effectively in a global environment. The versatility and complexity of computers has fascinated me ever since my childhood and at the root of my desire to pursue a career in computer science, in the summer of 2010 I flew to the United States to expand my educational experience. Embracing this international learning opportunity, I got a chance to experience the diversity of community, thought, and culture in a global environment. It was my first time leaving Nepal, and I found myself in a first world country. The United States has a well-developed infrastructure, high productivity, and automobiles play a great role in American culture. Being one of the world's most ethnically diverse and multicultural nations, about half of Americans today live in what is known as the suburbs.

I was born, raised, and still live in the same middle class Nepalese society. My house is in a village where people have time; time to play in the river, to sit in a circle laughing, to spend time with families who deeply respect their elders and love their children. Although it is one of the world's least developed and poorest countries, Nepal defers from other poverty stricken areas due to its wealth of natural resources. This causes many people to be farmers; providing them with food, shelter, and irrigation. Much of the country has no electricity, even the major city Kathmandu experiences 14 hours of forced blackouts every day. At times, food and family are all we have. We do not own the latest amenities and children do not beg for the newest toys. Children play with broken tires and imagination. We do not really know what BMWs are, but we do know "Namaste"- one warm and welcoming word which means "I bow to the common spiritual divinity in you, I know that place in you in which the entire universe dwells, I know that place in you which is of love, of truth, of light and of peace. When you are in that place in you and I am in that place in me, we are One".

I would like to redress the nation's ill and uplift the living standards of people living there. The majority of people in Nepal do not even have a job and those lucky enough to find one make an average of less than a dollar a day. In such a situation, the character and morality of the nation suffers. One reason for the vast amount of people looking for employment is the large scale migration from villages to town and from towns to foreign land. I would attempt to make village life satisfactory and attractive enough so that villagers would not want to seek their fortunes in cities. As there are lots of applications in the field of computers, I could bring new technologies

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which would provide employment opportunities. I believe I will make a difference in the world through my dedication for making Nepal a better place to live because I wake up each day with a renewed sense of purpose, an eagerness to learn, and a strong belief that I would achieve my ultimate goal.