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Dear Professor Delamare:

My name is Erick Puntiel, and I was born and raised in New York. My family is from the Dominican Republic, and I am the child of first-generation immigrants. Growing up, I loved going to school and my favorite subject was always math. Something about the problem solving and real-world applicability about math drew me to it. I knew that when I entered the workforce, I would be doing something with numbers, but I wasn't exactly sure what career I wanted. When my time to apply for college came, I naturally chose to major in Applied Mathematics.

As for my goals, I would say I have two goals at the moment. My first goal is to succeed in college. So far, transitioning from a high school student to a college student has been difficult for me because of the difference in what is expected of you. In college, you're treated as an adult. You're told what is expected of you, and there is nobody to help you but yourself. In high school, I felt there was a fair bit of "hand-holding", such as constant reminders for assignment deadlines, and a less concentrated workload. My other goal is to get a better understanding of what career I want a job in, and to a greater extent, who I am. It might sound strange, but I feel I don't know myself as well as I think I do. I plan on doing some self-exploration at CCNY, as I can test my intellect and meet people from all kinds of backgrounds. As for my career, I also don't know exactly what I want to do. I just had a feeling that it would be quantitative, so I majored in Applied Mathematics to get a feel for the type of work I would likely be doing.

I believe that the future of engineering is going to be all about technology, specifically information and software technology. In the past 40 years, we have seen incredible advancements in technology, and that makes me look forward to the next 40.

Sincerely,

Erick Puntiel