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Dear Professor Slentz,

My name is Suraiya Anisa, and I am writing this letter to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Queens, New York. I am a current sophomore at City College majoring in Biology. I knew very early on that I wanted to pursue medicine, and this was because I took advantage of the opportunities my high school offered. I was enthusiastic about joining several clubs in pursuit of something I was most interested in. Other than academics, I played and still do play badminton as a hobby.

My high school was where I found many of my passions and explored different activities. Having always been interested in medicine, I believe studying for a bachelor's in biology is the perfect opportunity to deepen my understanding of the human body. This decision strengthened following a 4-year elective I took in my vocational high school called Intro to Medical Assisting. During this course, biology grew to be my favorite subject. Learning things such as our body's other capacities genuinely fascinated me. With biology, we can cure diseases, save endangered species, and protect our planet. I wanted to study it to learn about our world and what we are made of. Now that I have started on this path, I want to master this science. This course I took in high school not only advanced my knowledge of biology but also taught me what it meant to be a health professional. In my past experience volunteering at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and my current job as a medical assistant at a pediatrician's office, I got to interact with doctors, head nurses, and other influential health providers, do rounds and engage in long conversations with patients. I realized the simple things, such as asking if they wanted a cup of water or needed assistance, really helped them feel reassured. Hopefully, to become a health provider like the ones I look up to, I intend to build on my experience in order to get into medical school. As for badminton, I discovered how fun the sport could be because of my dad. He often went out with his friends to play, and I was eager to play a game with him. Although I couldn't hold the birdie in the air any longer than a minute, it was a sport I saw myself getting progressively better at. Nowadays, when my friends and I have time, we head out to the park to play a few games or so.

This semester, I aim to read more books rather than watch shows and movies on Netflix. Considering how accessible movies and books are, I gravitate towards them more. It is harder to get my hands on books as most libraries are closed near me. However, I feel this is an excuse, and I could easily download ebooks, which I plan to do. I will make sure to schedule an hour of reading per day. I believe this will help me improve my writing skills for this class. I want to familiarize myself with different writing styles, grow my vocabulary, and find varying ways to use words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anisa". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

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