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College has been a great learning experience for me. I have learnt that motivation and faith are the biggest masters of life. Plans have never worked for me. Being a biology student, law school was never my plan. However, the last two years in school, made me realise that performing well and having an inclination for the subject are not synonymous. It was here that destiny played its role and National Law Institute University happened. Being clueless about what the law school would entail, every opportunity that college gave me was an adventure. We had an extremely illustrious fifth year batch, who encouraged us to participate in everything that came our way. My entire journey has been about making attempts to participate in and subsequently get better at everything that a law school has to offer. I participated in an open challenge for a national level moot court competition in the first trimester of college itself and submitted a project like memorial. It wasn't the best memorial around, however, gauging my enthusiasm, I was picked up as the researcher and taken for the moot. Our team did not perform well, however it was a great experience and I was awestruck with mooting. The next trimester, I applied again for an open challenge for an international law moot court competition and got selected. With god's blessings, we finished as runner's up and I was awarded the Best Speaker Award. I was also given an internship with a law firm as a prize. This is when I realised that hard work and motivation can take you places. Simultaneously, I also took up debating. Being a successful debater in school, I thought that Parliamentary Debating would not be that difficult to get a hang of. Hence, I was extremely disappointed when I did not even make it to the Fresher's Pool. However, my love for public speaking did not let me give up on the activity and I went for several debate practices. Such practices culminated into getting me a rank in the University Pool Selections, being amongst the four people in my batch to be able to do so. Initially I was apprehensive that participating in such competitions and doing volunteer work would have an adverse effect on my academics. It was such apprehension that made me pay attention in class. I studied only a week before the examinations started, but was able to secure an O grade in the first trimester itself. Hence, by the end of the first trimester, I was convinced that getting marks was not proportional to the number of hours of study that you put in. Thus, I never thought of leaving any activity for the sake of academics. Second year in college flew by smoothly with debates, moots and academics occupying the entire year. However, such comfort was succeeded by the most difficult year, the third year. I decided to pick up the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition with the resolve to do well at it and at the same time to not comprise my academics. This experience taught me that I could survive on less than 4 hours of sleep and that there was nothing such as "enough hard-work". Further, the summer break that succeeded the moot, required me to intern at two of the best law firms in India. I was very scared, as they were my first corporate internships and hence, I went ahead with no expectations. My only intention was to learn under the most proficient lawyers of the country. This experience came in handy when I went to Amarchand and Mangaldass Suresh S Shroff, Mumbai for the final internship in January this year. I was given the Capital Markets Team; an avenue which was entirely new to me. I put in a lot of hard work and tried to give my best. I had to do a lot of extra reading over the weekend to get a grasp of the subject. However, my team was extremely co-operative and gave me enough time to complete my assignments. On the last day of my internship, I was offered the pre-placement offer. It was truly a euphoric moment. I realised that more than knowledge of the subject, dedication, motivation and eagerness to learn and work is that which matters the most.

I believe that god's blessings play a pivotal role in my life. Further, I think that being motivated towards learning in life and taking inspiration from people around you (My juniors inspire me the most!) helps you to tackle any problem in life. In this last year of college, I wish to maximise my efforts to make the most of my time at college.

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