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We would like to know more about your interest in joining our community and why you would be a good fit for The New School. We are particularly interested in knowing why you have applied to a specific school, college, program, area of study, or campus.

Every decision they made was always the correct one, even if it meant putting a bright neon purple wallpaper in the tiny bathroom across my room with its metallic blue roses, how dare I put a One Direction poster on my own bedroom wall. Growing up with the epitome of stereotypical "Asian" parents, I yearned for any source of control and freedom of expression. Every aspect of my life had always been taken care of through what my parents desired or admired. Evidently, I could never imagine complaining about these things, having my parents care so much about authority and perfection, how ungrateful of me it would have been. However, I just could not help but long for any way to separate my own expression aside from what my parents had declared as the only way.

I have been drawing, doodling, and sketching on everything and anything since I could hold up a bottle, and with that wearing clothes since I was welcomed to this world, so it was evident that somewhere along the timeline I was going to put the two together and pick up an interest in fashion design. That however will be the only under-exaggerated statement in this whole essay. Fashion design and clothing became the light I looked forward to every moment of my day. Being able to choose a way to present myself to the world, being able to pick and go through how I wanted to be perceived each day gave me the confidence and voice I never realized I had.

The first impression you give someone isn't in how you shake their hand, how you introduce yourself, or the number of fake compliments you throw their way, but in your attire, how you are able to physically represent yourself as soon as you enter a room before your mouth even opens. Everyone should carry on every single day as if they are making a first impression to someone. You should feel at your most attractive, virtuous, and confident self every single day and I truly believe the keystone to achieving that is through your attire, your physical representation of yourself. This does not have to mean a suit and a tie, or high heels and skirt, and that's where the power of choice is so important. Clothing gives an individual the power to choose what makes them attractive, what makes them virtuous, and as a result the utmost confident, and we all know nothing is sexier than confidence.

As a mediocre math student in a very "Asian" household, clothing was able to give me the confidence and power of choice I deserved growing up, and as a future grown-up and fashion designer myself, I'm looking forward to bringing that for others.

I have been looking for a home ever since I found my own creative voice, and after hearing Dean Towers speak about the missions and visions of Parsons, I found myself smiling because I knew I had found home. As Parsons's vision states, I too aspire for "Creativity, innovation, and a desire to challenge the status quo,". I would be a perfect fit for Parsons's rigorous programming and am looking forward to all of the experiential learning opportunities the school will offer.

I want to attend a school that praises and encourages individuality. A school that does not give you a formula for success, but one that encourages you to discover it yourself. I truly believe I have what it takes to take on the challenges of a college lifestyle, one as prestigious and celebrated as Parsons. I know that Parsons is my only choice if I am looking to thrive and have a groundbreaking career in the fashion industry. Parsons especially makes blossoming possible due to its location, New York City, *the* place to be for dreams as big as mine. It's my time to innovate, thrive, and to be home.