

Carol Li



My name is Carol Li and I will be attending the University of California, Berkeley in the Fall of 2020. Since my mom and dad are both graduates from one of China's most renowned international business schools, I wish to continue their legacy of studying in the field of business and economics. This is why, from all the colleges and universities that have given me an opportunity to pursue an undergraduate degree, I have chosen to attend Berkeley. Ever since I first visited the expansive campus about 2 years ago, I knew that I wanted to continue my higher education path in America. UC Berkeley is rich in any type of opportunity that you can imagine, from career-related internships and work experiences to passion-driven clubs and innovation. I believe that by going to a school with such close proximity to the Silicon Valley, I would be able to take advantage of the best opportunities that align with my goals of working in the business world.

A little towards the last few years of high school, I began to notice my interest in the English subject. I found that creative writing and reading novels of literary merit quickly became enjoyable hobbies of mine, and that I was able to breeze through my AP English Literature class despite the frequent essay assignments. I believe my skills and creativity may have come from reading books like *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger and *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand, both of which have changed the way I think and perceive my life and the society. While I am still unsure of how I will continue my studies particularly in the English language, I am certain that my assets will come in handy in college and beyond.

To me, ambition is necessary to succeed in life, but it must be accompanied with consistency and discipline. My dedication to completing the RCM Piano Level 10 Certificate has taught me to appreciate the classical repertoire as well as the arts and culture that exists today. I am also a big supporter for health and fitness, since doing gymnastics and learning how to be a lifeguard are some of my favourite activities. I will always remember the day that I received the Standard First Aid certificate from the Canadian Red Cross and the Most Improved award from my gymnastics club. Furthermore, creating art inspired by all the wonders of the world and winning a silver medal in the Annual China-EU Children and Teenagers' Drawing Exhibition has encouraged me to become a better global citizen.

I hope to see myself thriving in one of the Fortune 500 companies existing in the Bay Area, or hard at work in one of Wall Street's top investment firms. However, a small section in my brain is eager to turn towards the entrepreneurial side of business, and take the risk that so many have experienced. I am grateful for every single path that is open to me, and especially grateful to my parents for encouraging me to rise above all the difficulties I have faced throughout the process of applying to colleges in the USA. While that may have been one of the longest and exhaustive tasks I have completed, I know that it will only get harder. But I am ready to work hard and rise to the challenge.