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List the leadership activities in which you have actively participated, including your responsibilities and positions held in the organization, and dates.

- **Project Leader** on an "Alternate Supplier Search, Evaluation, and Selection" effort for General Dynamics Advanced and Technical Products – Please see Essay #4. – 2004
- **Project Leader** on a company-wide "Small Business Innovative Research Assessment" effort for General Dynamics Armament Systems – Please see Essay #1. – 2002-2003
- **President and Co-Founder** of BeShop.com, Inc. – Please see Essay #3. – 1998-1999
- **Chapter President** for Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society – Was in charge of most activities of the chapter, including selection and induction of new members. Also developed a Web site for the chapter, which was among the first of its kind. – 1995-1996
- **Chapter President** for the National Society of Professional Engineers – Was responsible for recruiting new members. We actively promoted the Engineering profession among graduating high school students by getting them involved in math competitions and design projects. – 1993-1995

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List your academic and/or professional awards, including the basis for your selection and the date(s) of the honor(s).

- **Spotlight Award** – "Stan's presentation... at the Modeling and Simulation Personal Development Seminar... was organized, well presented, and informative... I would like to congratulate him on a job well done." (Director of Technical Operations, General Dynamics Armament Systems) – 11/2001
- **"Teacher ranked as excellent by students"** – "The University's Office of Instructional Resources compiles a list of excellent... teaching assistants using the teacher evaluation forms students filled out at the end of last semester's courses." – 12/1998
- **Summa Cum Laude** – "A graduating senior who has attained a Grade Point Average of 3.70 to 4.00 will be awarded honors of Summa Cum Laude." – 05/1996
- **Alpha Chi** honor society – "Membership is limited to the top 10 percent of an institution's juniors and seniors. Invitation to membership comes only through an institutional chapter." – 01/1996
- **Tau Beta Pi** honor society – "A student meets the distinguished scholarship criteria if that person is in the top 1/8 of the junior class... Rank is dependant upon GPA. Upon selection by the academic criteria, the candidate has to pass the exemplary character criteria." – 03/1995
- **Dean's List** at Christian Brothers University – "Superior scholarship is recognized by the publication of the Dean's List after each announcement of semester grades. Students awarded Dean's List honors have carried a minimum of 12 hours and have earned a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.4." – Most semesters from 1992 to 1996
- **National Dean's List** – "Schools are invited to select students... in the upper 10% of their class. Students... must be recommended by their university." – 1993, 1994

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List your hobbies, interests, and activities, including any significant accomplishments related to them.

- Web Designer for **New York City Artists** – As a free service, develop and maintain Web sites to promote emerging artists: Felix Sherman, Boris Kulikov, Anna Zusman, Elena Rakova, and others.
- Internet Developer for **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** – Assisted in development of the Russian language version of Cure4Kids.org, an international virtual community for medical education and collaboration.
- Contributing Editor for "**OSOpinion.com**" site – Over the years, I authored dozens of articles on computer technology. My editorials were syndicated through Yahoo News, MaximumPC, and NewsFactor. An archive of some of my published writing can be found at www.TechOpinion.org.
- Senior Staff Writer for "**The Technograph**" magazine – Contributed one or more editorial pieces to each issue. Updated magazine Web site.
- Contributing Editor for "**The Cannon**" campus newspaper – Maintained a humor column dealing with on-campus issues.
- Active Member of "**BetterBidding.com**" online bulletin board – Contribute to a Web-based community service that provides bidding strategies and hotel reviews for budget travel.
- Active Member of numerous local and virtual **Computer User Groups** – Advocate alternative computer operating systems, such as Linux and MacOS, and assist new users with setup and configuration issues.
- Contributor to **Flynn Center for the Performing Arts** in Burlington, Vermont – Act as an active promoter of local theatre and dance shows.
- Contributor and Volunteer for **Hardy Machia for Vermont Governor 2004** campaign – Helped advance the Libertarian cause and third party candidate awareness.
- Member of various **Yoga Studios** – Participate in Yoga and Meditation practice. Actively promote the powers of this ancient art.
- Member of **Jewish Student Union** and **Hillel** – Participated in social and religious activities.

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Special circumstances related to your academic program which you would like to mention (up to 500 words).

The one part of my record that might warrant an explanation is the relatively mediocre academic performance in my Master's Degree studies at the University of Illinois. It stands in sharp contrast to the near perfect grades that I have earned in each of the four years of college, which fairly represent my ability to consistently perform at the top of the class.

In graduate school, although I was able to maintain a solid GPA at first, a variety of circumstances contributed to a dismal couple of semesters in my second year. When the funding for my thesis research suddenly ran out, I had to take upon parallel responsibilities as a Teaching Assistant at the Physics Department, conducting laboratory experiments in Waves Physics and Quantum Mechanics. While I genuinely enjoyed teaching and was consistently rated as "excellent" by students, I still had to continue actively working on my thesis on a daily basis.

At the same time, a friend and I were starting to actively pursue our start-up business, BeShop.com, which also required a lot of dedication and countless hours of self-motivated efforts. Many of my evenings were divided between studying for my Engineering classes and spending time at the library, reading books on entrepreneurship and refining our business plan.

In other words, in addition to taking the demanding classes required for my degree, I had to handle a triple load of other responsibilities which, unfortunately, took priority at least some of the time.

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Whatever else you would like the Admissions Committee to know (up to 500 words).

I would like to point out that unlike my GMAT Quantitative Score, which is better than that of 95% of the test takers, my Verbal Score is only rated in the 85th percentile and does not adequately reflect my communication ability.

Although I have completed both of my prior degrees in the United States, English is still not my native language, which puts me at a slight disadvantage. However, having done countless presentations at work and having written numerous articles for a variety of publications, I believe that I have developed all the necessary skills to be able to express myself clearly and effectively.