

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place? (limited to 350 words)

As I was searching for a summer internship in my Business Academy class, I came across an opportunity to create community events in San Francisco. This opportunity fascinated me because I never experienced what it felt to get to know the other families and kids on the block, so I have always wanted to feel a part of a community.

Therefore, I decided to work for a non-profit community outreach office called the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project, so I could help create citywide events to bring families and kids together. During my time at the office, I have helped create community events in San Francisco such as a Supergirl Female Empowerment Event and a citywide 3v3 Basketball Tournament. I was inspired to have that sense of community I never experienced by passing out flyers, knocking on families' doors, and even making phone calls and ads to get everyone out to the events. In fact, I was so excited to be part of a community that I even participated in the 3v3 Basketball Tournament to get to know the other players and establish a connection with them. I was also inspired to bring a community together to stop the negativity in the world today and to bring friendliness among others. Then, I helped host the female empowerment event to bring a positive message about females. I also helped host the basketball tournament to bring families and children together in crime-filled neighborhoods and emphasized a safe environment from sports by allowing them to create a bond with each other.

During this experience, I found out that not everyone will be appreciative, and you will be told "no" or rejected at some point. I learned to receive rejection from others, but I also learned how to move on from rejection. Also, this valuable experience has taught me to avoid being rejected in the future, and to learn how to improve to be better at the task I must achieve. Lastly, this experience has made me feel like part of a community that I have been wanting for since I immigrated here.