

Neelay Trivedi - Entering Stanford University in the Fall of 2019

Heart-warming email from Neelay right after he received the awesome news...

Dear Mrs. Elizabeth and Mr. Dennis,

I was accepted to Stanford yesterday night in the Early Action round! I'm humbled and excited by the decision, and I wanted to share it with you as soon as possible.

I've been a student at Storming Robots since 6th grade, and the experiences I've had there have been some of the most exciting and challenging ones I've ever encountered. Storming Robots was my first encounter with science and technology, and the experiences I had there solidified my interest in computing and artificial intelligence.

Your mentorship, guidance, and constant support have been critical to my intellectual development. At Storming, the challenging projects I tackled, whether through ZeroRobotics or MORFBOTs, taught me how to think independently and create solutions for open-ended problems.

At Storming, I was never assigned to specific projects or told to build software a certain way. Your emphasis on independent and self-learning techniques taught me to think on my feet without having to follow a particular methodology. This was extremely important; many engineering classes and programs just follow instructions and project ideas from a textbook. At Storming, I quickly realized this was not the case, and that I would have to think for myself. It was hard at first, but over the years, your support helped me grow intellectually and mentally.

Your dedication to your students is also amazing, and I've witnessed it firsthand many times. Whether it's through impromptu meetings, quick email responses, or staying until 12 AM to help finish RoboCup robots, you've had a tremendous impact on every student you've taught, and I cannot thank you enough for the impact you've had on my journey. Whenever I needed help with an academic decision or a personal one, you were always there to provide advice and support.

There are also some fun things I will always remember about Storming. It was the only place where I had to constantly defend myself for using a Mac; I'll also remember Dennis telling me about "Save the World Mode", the late-night ZeroRobotics meetings, the perpetually broken vending machine, and my constant inability to work with hardware :)

Yet I will be forever grateful for the experiences I had at Storming. It is a very special place for me, where I made some of my best friends and learned constantly. At Stanford, I will probably study Computer Science, with a minor in Computational Biology, and continue to explore the worlds of computational medicine and digital health. I will always be in touch and I hope that Storming continues to have success in cultivating a love for STEM in students of all ages and inspiring them to think big.

Thank you so, so much for your mentorship and guidance over the years.

From : Neelay Trivedi, December 8th, 2018

