G30 Alumni Profile

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Current Position:

Automotive Software Engineer — 2023-present
Woven by Toyota, Tokyo

Education:

Philippine Science High School - Main Campus — 2013-2019
Quezon City, Philippines

Bachelor of Engineering — 2019-2023
G30 Automotive Engineering Program, Nagoya University

Striking outcomes while at Nagoya University:

Awards and Prizes:

Nagoya University Global Engagement Center Director's Award — 2023

Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship — 2019-2021

Internships and experiences:

TA for NU G30 Mathematics for Machine Learning course — 2022-2023

Infrastructure & Services Engineer Intern at Woven Planet — 2022

Nagoya University Model United Nations - Design Team Lead — 2022-2023

Nagoya University International Student Association (名古屋大学留学生会) — 2020-2023

A Message of Encouragement for Future G30 Students:

Engineering at NU is a path filled with challenges, no doubt about it. There will be late nights, tough problems, and moments of doubt. But here's the thing: it's in those very challenges that you will find the most profound rewards. Each problem you solve, each project you complete, adds to a sense of accomplishment that is unparalleled. As an international student, I also faced the extra challenge of being far from home, navigating a new culture, and building a support network from scratch. It wasn't always easy, but these experiences taught me resilience and adaptability. I discovered that the NU community is incredibly welcoming and supportive, helping me feel at home even when I was miles away from my family; special shoutout to my NUFSA friends for being the best second family a lost international student could ever ask for!

Remember, it's not just about the technical skills you'll gain, but also the resilience, creativity, and teamwork that will shape you into a versatile problem-solver. The friendships and collaborations you forge here will last a lifetime and the knowledge you gain will empower you to make real-world impacts.

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