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STUDENT SPEAK

PULKIT AGARWAL

> Economics and Government,
Harvard University (to join in 2015)



Shape the path

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I applied to 16 universities in the United States and was accepted to 15, including seven of the eight Ivy League universities. I have decided on Harvard University because of its legacy and history. Besides, I wish to study economics and government, which the university is known for.

I will pursue a joint concentration in economics and government and I have received the Harvard Faculty Scholarship worth \$61,090 annually. I am confident I will be among like-minded motivated students and will be able to pursue my interest in debating.

I scored 2360 in SAT 1 and 1600 in SAT sub-

ject tests. Besides academics, I enjoy writing and debating. I received the award for the Best International Speaker at the

World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Lithuania last year.

My teachers at the Doon School, where I completed my class XII this year, have been a guiding force. I would like to attribute my success to them, and especially to the school's Ca-

reers Information, Education and Guidance Department, which has worked long hours to help me identify my passions and work towards my goals.

I would advise students to believe they can achieve their goals, and to shape their paths towards the goals. There are many opportunities available in India and overseas. You need to be aware of those opportunities and make the most of them.

For parents, I would suggest, allow your children to make their decisions even if that means they will make mistakes, but they will learn from it. By protecting them, often you may prevent them from making certain choices. And their choices may be different

from your own, but you need to respect them.

I want to interact with people from different cultures and back-

grounds, and be able to understand social, political and economic issues from various perspectives.

I am leaving for the US on August 12 and I am looking forward to being in an environment where freedom of expression is rarely undermined.

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