Background:

* Attended Fox Valley Christian Academy and Neenah High School from 1st-12th grade
* Graduated from Wheaton College (IL) in 2017 with a B.A. in Anthropology and Urban Studies
* Worked in the nonprofit sector in Louisville for a year initiating relationships between high school students and people who live on the margins of society
* Volunteered planning a month-long conference for 72 Japanese and American college students across four U.S. states
* Studied Japanese in Tokyo for one year
* Currently on 4th year in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program where I teach English and culture to students in low-income areas

Family:

* I grew up in Neenah, WI
* I was adopted as a baby by my parents, Mary and Richard McNevin
* We hosted exchange students through several organizations, including Rotary, from places like Japan, Singapore, Peru, and Zambia throughout my childhood

Aspirations at ICU:

* I will integrate data analysis and ethnographic field work to answer questions about how study abroad programs in high schools and universities can be improved in terms of equity and function
* ICU’s student body is largely international, providing an ideal environment for fieldwork on global education
* I applied for this program because of its liberal arts nature, which will enable me to draw from quantitative and qualitative fields to improve my understanding of how to create a more peaceful and equitable world

Personal:

* My hobbies are programming, studying Japanese, and jogging
* My favorite food is Japanese sweet potato