

“ "Oh you're from India - Delhi or Mumbai ?" I answer - "Neither". Yes, I didn't grow up in a metropolitan city or go to an international school, and yes I don't have the typical background for Harvard, but at the end of the day, I still made it to the best university in the entire world. I agree that not having the opportunities that come with privilege might appear as roadblocks on the outset, but I want kids out there to know that your background does not determine your future, as didn't mine, and show with every achievement I accomplish that if I can do it, they can too. Looking back as a senior about to graduate, I've learnt that there will always be people ready to tell you that you're not good enough, but it's upto you who you choose to listen. I chose to listen to my inner voice that told me I was good enough, and still do, and so should you. ”



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