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This is me at the left, helping my classmates solve a difficult problem in Algebra class.

My name is Ngoc Le Tran. I am 16 years old, and I am originally from Vietnam. I go to the International Academy at Theodore Roosevelt High School.

I believe the universe is meant to be explored. Man has always been an explorer. That is how the whole world was mapped. I believe now is the time to explore other planets. In Vietnam, I was always fascinated by space exploration. We learned about different planets and the current efforts of mankind to finding other inhabitable. Now that I am here in the U.S., I would someday like to contribute to mission to Mars.

I am passionate about Math, Science and all things outer space. I love Math because it is a universal language. Moving here in the U.S. was difficult because I have to learn and practice English everyday. But in Math class, there is no language barrier. I enjoy working with my classmates of different cultures, as we work together to solve Algebra problems. I enjoy helping my classmates who may struggle with some concepts. Finally, I enjoy solving difficult problems.

I believe this is what space exploration is all about--being united to explore what is out there. When there is a mission, people from all over the world help each other. There is no racial boundary or language barrier, only international cooperation. That is what I encounter everyday at the International Academy at Roosevelt. We have a motto about collaboration. That is what I would like to do someday when I become an engineer.

I want to go to Space Camp, not only to learn more about space exploration and how to be a scientist or engineer, but also to meet other students who are passionate about Math and outer space.

