

Saffira Samaroo's Written Responses
to the
Interview Questions for ACS Youth Voices Essay Competition
Winner

1. Outside of this essay, what's something people would be surprised to learn about you — a passion, a habit, a story?

Answer: Outside of this essay, which displays my academic-centric and studious side, people may be surprised to learn that I'm passionate about connection and communication. I'm extremely outgoing, athletic and dynamic in my activities, and I deeply enjoy the outdoors as much as I enjoy writing.

2. What message do you most want young people across the Greater Caribbean to take away from your essay?

Answer: From my essay, I mostly want young people to take away the message of unity, because in a world where people are feeling more and more alone, I hope they remember the power of connection, and the collective effect we, as people, can enact.

3. How do you see yourself contributing to the Greater Caribbean future, whether in your career, community, or region-wide?

Answer: In my community, I can see myself encouraging unity and kindness, through awareness of our power to be the change we wish to see. In my career and/or regionally, I hope to take a more hands-on approach by initialing and/or supporting projects and efforts to progress the Greater Caribbean in the future.

4. What are you most looking forward to about your internship with the ACS Secretariat?

Answer: I am most looking forward to gaining experience and networking with mentors and peers alike, as well as, learning more about the ACS's roles and functions.