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### **Retrace Outward Reflection**

As a young writer at Baruch College, I am currently trying to improve my writing to become a good writer within my community and in life. I believe writing is essential in communicating with others and can fundamentally help one express oneself. The community that I am a part of is Baruch College. Baruch College helps young writers, like me, by offering services to have professionals give feedback on our writing pieces to guide and equip us with grammatical tips to refine our papers. Being a part of a good community and being surrounded by influential writers has helped me continue to flourish as a writer.

The writing community at Baruch College is very helpful in aiding young writers like me through the services and collaboration they offer. The writing community at Baruch college is important because it has helped me transition from writing high school level papers to college level papers. For instance, the Baruch writing center has given me direct feedback on my academic pieces which have pointed the grammatical errors I tend to make and understanding how to correctly use commas and semi colons. Also, being in the writing community at Baruch is helpful because once I finish a draft for a class, I can reach out to my peers for peer review. Peer reviewing is essential because it can be another set of eyes to create clarity in my paper. The

writing community at Baruch fosters young writers and helps guide us to help us succeed in jobs and in life.

My position within the writing community at Baruch College is as an undergraduate student. Improving my writing skills within the writing community at Baruch College is important because I want to uphold the Baruch exemplary legacy and becoming a good writer is one of the aspects that will help me uphold that legacy and reflect my intellect and communication skills. Specifically, Baruch is known for specializing in business and as a marketing management student and being a part of the writing community has helped me learn new tips on how to improve my writing. Baruch's writing community allows me to collaborate with other writers to share our own tips with one another to help improve each other's writing skills and receive essential feedback to enrich our writing pieces. I am merely a writer trying to improve my writing.

I am the middle child in my family and my second older sister is a licensed kindergarten teacher in Vermont and is currently in graduate school at Hunter pursuing her masters and license in New York to teach in a DOE school. My surroundings at home, such as having a sister who is a teacher has influenced me by motivating me to become a good of a writer as my sister is and invest in my growth. My surroundings at home also includes the location of where I write and how it contributes to my growth. For example, I write best in either in my kitchen or in my room because it is more organized and quieter. In which I can put on my earphones and block out the "world" and focus on writing down what I have to say about a topic.

To conclude, my surroundings and writing community at Baruch College have both contributed to my growth as a writer and have continued to do so. As a flourishing writer, I have gained tips and learned to correctly write concisely through feedback from the writing community at Baruch College. As a writer in the writing community at Baruch College will help me continue to embrace the mistakes that I will make in the future to enrich my present and future writing pieces. Writing is an essential skill that reflects the writer. Writing showing what skills one exhibits, such as clarity and vocabulary, and I will continue to use the services my academic community has to offer to contribute my growth as a writer.