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What I Bring to the Table

One thing that people know best is themselves. They can talk about what they’ve seen or who they are forever if you just ask the right questions. My favorite thing is when someone gets gradually more excited when they talk about something because they’re excited to share this part of themselves with you. It makes me happy when other people are happy too. I think this makes me a good team member because I can get to know the team then introduce their similarities to each other if they haven’t themselves.

This also makes me a pretty good listener. Though I can’t pretend to understand everyone and their experiences, I am fairly empathetic. I can picture being almost anyone and I’ve come across very few people who I don’t understand. Because I’m pretty easy to talk to, I get to know people well quickly and always do my best to create a trusting environment.

I’m extremely adaptable as well. Because of this, I can usually calm down others around me who are not as go with the flow. Most of the time when people are stressed out its because they don’t know what’s going to happen. I’m very good at talking to people like this because I am rational enough to tell them what the worst case scenario is and help them to avoid that outcome. I have also lived with my type-A older sister for seventeen years so I have plenty of hands on experience.

Lastly, I love to take care of people I care about. Its my way of showing that they matter to me. I often get the, “Thanks, mom,” if I do it a little too much but people usually still appreciate it. After all, who doesn’t like being taken care of every once in a while? This feature is what really helped me embrace volunteering as a hobby and therefore apply to SERVE.

Though I would never consider myself as extraverted, I do like talking to people or rather hearing them, and taking care of them. I believe these things help make me a good team member and therefore a good SERVE member.