Community Statement

There are two main examples that detail how I have participated in the community. The first example is not related to technology as much as the second one, however it is still counts as participating in the community. The first way in which I have participated in the community is by participating in a fundraiser in order to collect money to help Syrian refugees that may require medical assistance. Specifically, I went around and started collecting money from the participants in this fundraiser in order to help the people living in Syria since they are struggling in their current situation which is a major example of how I participated in the community. The second example of how I participated in the community is related more to my major than the first one. For instance, I enrolled in certain class that occur at night for about 1-2 hours on average which were held once a week for about 6-7 weeks from September to October in 2020. The program was called the Guardian Academy which occurred at a certain police department. In terms of what the classes were about, they were primarily about topics such as water safety, how to prevent cyberbullying, and cyber safety techniques just to name a few.

In terms of how I see myself as a digital citizen contributing to global mindfulness, I see myself utilizing technology in an extremely responsible way. For example, I do not ever attempt to download illegal content such as movies from certain websites without purchasing them first. Another example is that I always try to avoid saying unkind statements digitally while keeping in mind that anything that is posted online cannot be taken back and is usually made public for viewing so it not at all wise to say something unkind online that one regrets saying in person. Overall, as part of my major which is Network Security, I plan on continuing these rules since they are especially necessary in the major that I am studying now. In addition, the whole goal of my major is to prevent malicious hackers/black hat hackers from being able to compromise a

system while being a white hat hacker which means that I hack with good intent in order to protect others/help them digitally. Overall, these are some examples of digital citizenship that I try my best to apply as much as possible.

Once I enter my industry and start working in the cybersecurity field, I hope to become even more involved in the community than I already am now. This includes participating in competitions relating to network security such as capture the flag/Cyber Patriot, attending cyber security conferences such as DEFCON which occurs yearly, and even being involved in major cybersecurity institutions/associations such as working in the industry for Intel or Apple, or even working for the SANS institute which only focuses on cybersecurity. Another way that I can practice my cybersecurity skills includes making my own website that relates to cybersecurity and some tips/methods to protect users online. Lastly, I can take cybersecurity tests such as CompTIA in order to earn a network security certification. Overall, these are some examples of how I can be even more involved in the community than I currently am.