Hi! My name is Ashish Pandya and I am a McDonough peer ambassador!

Hometown: Monmouth Junction, NJ

Class: 2018

Major: Finance & Accounting

Extracurricular Activities: Going on runs, playing basketball, and trying coffee shops around D.C.

Interesting Fact About Me: I’ve been to all seven continents (apparently the seas around Antarctica count)!

What made you choose Georgetown's McDonough School of Business?
I chose the McDonough School of Business for a combination of the exciting study abroad programs, the strong extracurricular opportunities and the experiences of (then) current students.

What are the best things about being a Hoya?
The best things of being a Hoya are the vibrant student body, Hoya basketball games at the Verizon Center, and the farmer’s market on ICC Red Square every Wednesday!

Why do you love D.C.?
I love D.C. almost entirely for its culture. Coming from a suburban background, it’s amazing to see how much D.C. offers, including downtown D.C., the monuments, Embassy Row, Adams Morgan and so much more. There really never is a boring weekend if you venture out into the city.

Share a defining and/or transformative classroom/educational moment?
I met with my first-year seminar professor, Prof. George Daly about my final paper, a business analysis of Formula One Racing. However, we somehow started talking about the NFL and NBA as business enterprises, and even his time as the dean at both NYU Stern and McDonough, the two schools I was choosing between when making my college decision. What was supposed to be a ten minute discussion turned into forty-five, and I quite frankly regret not using him as a resource until the end of the semester.

What is your advice to incoming Hoyas?
I would definitely recommend taking a variety of classes, not necessarily business oriented. I took a class on International Relations for a requirement, but it ended up convincing me to take up a Government minor! It’s always good to keep an open mind about all the classes you take.