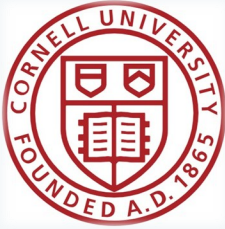


# Email from Sravya Kunamneni

Admitted to Cornell University, Class of 2030  
Majoring in CS

— Email from Sravya on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Cornell University®



12<sup>th</sup> Grade



5th grade

**Sravya Kunamneni**'s journey with Storming Robots began in 5th grade, and through 11th grade. What makes Sravya's story especially inspiring is not simply the accomplishments at the end, but the perseverance demonstrated throughout the journey. Through years of consistent effort, willingness to learn, and determination to improve step by step, she continued to grow both technically and personally. Her journey is a powerful reminder that success in engineering and computer science is rarely about immediate perfection; rather, it is built through resilience, curiosity, and the courage to keep pushing forward despite obstacles.

Hi Mrs. Mabrey and Dennis,

I hope this email finds you well!

I'm happy to let you know that I will be attending Cornell in the fall as a computer science major. This would not have been possible without my journey through Storming Robots where I first started learning computer science and honed my critical thinking skills. I remember taking robotics classes as a 5th grader, and later entering the algorithms track, only concerned about getting things to work instead of whether or not my solution was flexible and efficient. You challenged me to think further and made me redo problems until I was able to develop something more robust. While this frustrated me initially, it forced me to seek smarter solutions instead of taking shortcuts, emphasizing that implementation is only the beginning, but what matters most is the thinking path to efficiency and make it robust.

When I started doing robotics competitions, I learned the harsh truth that elegant solutions on paper almost certainly don't work in the real world. I was forced to conduct systematical trial and error, learning from my mistakes each time. My time here gave me the confidence to learn hard topics and take unconventional approaches to problem-solving.

Thank you for all the valuable lessons I will carry with me as I enter college.

Best,  
Sravya

— from Sravya's parent —

*Hi Ms Mabrey*

*... Cornell was her first choice and we are all very happy that she got into it. She learned a lot from your classes which we are sure will help her throughout her college and beyond. Thank you!*

*June 14th, 2026*