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Umanga started to get involved with the Toastmasters in 2012 while working at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. After coming to the USA she became a member of the Missouri S&T Toastmasters club, Rolla and currently, she is an active member of Ozark Orators, Rolla community Toastmasters club. She has served in all the club officer positions and also has completed ACS and ALB awards during her toastmaster journey. Toastmasters provided Umanga with confidence in personal and professional speaking as well as a lot of opportunities for growth in professional life. Also, Toastmasters has guided to build leadership skills in her life.

In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, cooking and being a volunteer at the various events at the university and the community.