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Why I chose Wesleyan:
I was initially drawn to Wesleyan because of the strength of its sciences and research opportunities. I am also a photography biddy who likes to do artsy things sometimes, so I felt that I would truly fit in at a place like Wes where there are no boxes to fit into. My financial aid package was a very huge factor in my choosing to come here. I loved that student life here is organic and mostly student-run. The concerts are pretty chill too.

Academic Interests: Prospective triple major in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, American Studies, and the College of Integrative Sciences

Favorite class at Wes:
Last Spring, I took a class called Bioinformatics Programming with Professor Weir, who is a faculty member in Biology and also plays in the Wesleyan orchestra. The class brought computer science to analyze the many large datasets being generated in biology. I loved the collaboration that the class fostered. Also, it was the first time where I felt like I was learning information that was in-line with current research.

Current Classes:
- Organic Chemistry II
- Discovering the Person
- Contemporary Art since 1980
- Popular Culture and Social Justice: Intro to American Studies
- Research Frontiers in the Sciences II

Why I want to be a tour guide:
I never got the chance to visit Wes before move-in day, and have since learned that Wesleyan is very much the people, not the place, so I really wanted to give voice to this fact as a tour guide. I also really love meeting prospective students, as some of them actually turn out to be friends and classmates.

Outside the Classroom:
Extracurriculars:
- Contributor to the student life blog wesleying.org
- On staff for the Wesleyan Hermes, a political, critical, and creative thought magazine
- Photography Assistant for Wesleyan’s Office of Communications

Favorite Activity at Wes:
Literally Twitter

Favorite moment at Wes:
Taking a video of my friend while he stood in the trashcan in the down 4 hallway in WestCo singing “Dark Fantasy” by Kanye West.

Favorite movie(s):
The Spongebob Squarepants Movie is the greatest creation of the past 110 years. But if I was telling someone sophisticated over dinner at a restaurant that had tablecloths (tablecloths!), I would say 2001: A Space Odyssey.

Favorite song:
Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels) by Arcade Fire.

Fun Fact:
I have no shame.