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Why I chose Wesleyan:
At the end of my college process, I narrowed down my choices and was deciding between Wesleyan and Brown. I realized Wes was the place for me when I visited Brown and looked around and felt like the people there were people that I would want to be if I was pretending to be someone else. However, when I visited Wes, I observed and talked to the people here, and had an immediate and powerful sense that I belonged here; the people here are much more like who I truly am. Everyone is so passionate and welcoming that I felt right at home and knew this was the best place for me.

Extracurriculars:
- Varsity Track
- Club Soccer

Favorite Activity at Wes:
Loading up a disposable coffee cup with vegan apple crisp every Friday so I have a delicious snack for later.

Favorite moment at Wes:
Petting dogs during finals week!

Favorite movie(s):
- Ratatouille
- Miracle
- Miss Congeniality

Favorite song:
- The Power of Love – Celine Dion
- You and I – Ingrid Michaelson
- Sigh No More – Mumford and Sons

Fun Fact:
I wear hand-me-down, lime green crocs everywhere, regardless of the weather, no matter the outfit. I live in them.

Academic Interests:
Biology & Spanish

Favorite class at Wes:
I took The European Novel from Cervantes to Calvino, a first year seminar, even though I’m not so interested in literature. It turned out to be a great experience because I had never been in an English class before where all the students actually read the books and cared and were willing to engage in passionate discussions. I had some excellent conversations and really enjoyed reading classic literature, much to my surprise!

Current Classes:
- Principles of Chemistry
- Principles of Biology
- Introduction to Sociology
- The Intercultural Stage: Migration and the Performing Arts in the Hispanic World

Why I want to be a tour guide:
When I first visited Wes, my tour guide made a huge impact on me. She was engaging and passionate, and we had a ridiculous amount in common. She was able to answer the very specific questions I had with patience and care, and we had a great conversation after the tour. I’d love to be able to impact someone else’s experience here the way she impacted mine because I’d love everyone to feel comfortable here.