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Why I chose Wesleyan:
I visited my sister (‘13) at Wesleyan and I was amazed by the bulletin boards illustrating all of the events happening on campus. When I mentioned this to my sister, she replied that these were only the activities for that week. That night we went to a student dance performance and I was surprised to see over a hundred students in the audience, especially as it was a week night. I chose Wesleyan for this amazing campus community. Students here are incredibly curious, supportive, passionate and involved in a variety of activities, taking their education beyond the classroom.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:

❖ Real Food Challenge
❖ President of MIX (Multi-Ethnic Interracial Cross-Cultural)
❖ Terpsichore Dance
❖ Author for Spoon University
❖ Food Rescue

Favorite Activity at Wes:
Wesleyan’s Silent Rave at the end of spring semester

Favorite moment at Wes:
Watching the red lunar eclipse on Foss Hill during one of my first weeks here. Tons of students showed up!

Favorite movie(s):
All the Harry Potter movies

Favorite song:
“Mystery” by the Indigo Girls and “Say You Will” by Fleetwood Mac

Fun Fact:
I can fast-forward and rewind my dreams

Academic Interests:
American Studies with a concentration in Cultural Studies

Favorite class at Wes:
Sites of the Self: Maps, Gardens and Homes with Professor Karamcheti
I loved learning about the influence of politics and society on these cultural artifacts. In this class we connected the way people interact with public spaces to how people perceive themselves as individuals. My favorite memory of this class was sitting outside on College Row, watching people walk, talking about gardens and how paths serve to regulate movement.

Current Classes:
❖ Social Psychology
❖ Introduction to Asian American Literature
❖ American Architecture and Urbanism (1700-1914)
❖ Japanese Culture through Food

Why I want to be a tour guide:
I have wanted to be a tour guide since my sister began applying to colleges. More than anything, I felt like the tours were the best opportunity to get a sense of the college and community. My favorite tours included the students’ personal stories, which made the school come to life beyond the facts and figures. I want to be a tour guide because I think that Wesleyan is a very special place, it is a place where I found my community, and I want to help show others what I love about the campus.