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Why I chose Wesleyan:
The Wesleyan student body is beyond enchanting. The people that you meet during your time at Wes are all different and have such unique life stories. I believe that college is not just about the academics (although that is certainly important.) The people and the friendly campus are vital in order to have a truly incredible college experience. I can proudly and happily proclaim that Wes is not only a place full of academic rigor and challenges, but it also is the hub for a new and exciting social setting. Here at Wes, you don’t just find a new home, you find yourself in a new world. I cannot stress enough that college, a really big and stressful transition, is made infinitely times easier when you meet those people that make you laugh, challenge your viewpoints, and all the while support you.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:
- Writing Mentor
- Tour Guide
- Member of the Asian American Student Collective
- Active member of the Alpha Delta Phi Literary Society

Favorite Activity at Wes:

Innocently gallivanting through the halls and buildings of Wesleyan and stumbling upon an old friend, classmate, or professor and sharing an absolutely engaging and enthralling conversation with them. It’s pure magic.

Favorite moment at Wes:

An Absolutely hilarious dinner at Usdan with all of my friends discussing the political agenda behind the Teletubbies

Favorite movie:
The Grand Budapest Hotel
AND
The Lion King (because you can’t forgo your childhood just because you’re at college)

Favorite song:
The A Team (Ed Sheeran is life)

Academic Interests: English and College of East Asian Studies double major and pining after a Writing Certificate (for extra fun)

Favorite classes at Wes:
Asian American History, Food Histories of East Asia, Creating Children’s Books

Current Classes:
- American Autobiography, Creating Children’s Books
- Writing Certificate Senior Seminar, The Chinese Canon

Why I want to be a tour guide:
I love to talk. There, I said it. I also love this school. Boom. Instant symbiotic relationship. I want to be one of the representatives of Wesleyan University, because this school has gone to infinity and beyond for me. Tour guiding requires leadership skills, but moreover I believe it involves the passion to elaborate on all of the glorious opportunities, people, and moments any student should expect to gain (in their own unique way, of course) here at Wes.