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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.

Finals Week Is Almost Over:
Finals week is almost over, and we’re all excited to have this behind us. We’ve been working very hard and it’s time to lighten up and have fun together.

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.