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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 an Ivy League school. I realized Wes was the place for me when I visited the other school 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.

Academic Interests:
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry and 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:
- Organic Chemistry
- Molecular Biology
- Literature and Culture of Peru
- Tales of Resistance in Latin American Modernity
- Orgo Lab
- Ebony Singers

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.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:
- Varsity Track
- Club Soccer
- Ebony Singers

Favorite Activity at Wes:
Friday night banana chocolate chip pancakes at Usdan

Favorite moment at Wes:
Petting dogs during finals week!

Favorite movie(s):
- Ratatouille
- Miracle
- Imagine Me and You

Favorite song:
- The Power of Love – Celine Dion
- Cleopatra - The Lumineers

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