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Why I chose Wesleyan:
I knew from the beginning that I wanted a small liberal arts school in New England with a strong sense of community. In my search, I found many schools that I undoubtedly would have been very happy at: schools that immediately felt comfortable. However, when I visited Wesleyan, I felt more excited than anything else. Everyone was so passionate and I knew that I would grow so much as a person at Wes. But, little did I know how quickly it would also become a home. Wes is still exciting as ever; I experience new things and learn so much every day without sacrificing that feeling of comfort.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:
- Varsity Swimming
- Outing Club

Favorite Activity at Wes:
Being a member of the swim team has been a great experience for me. Though it is hard work, my team is always there, and it’s amazing being part of such a supportive and accepting community. The attitudes of my teammates push me to think positively and do better both in and out of the pool.

Favorite moment at Wes:
During Orientation, all of the freshmen stood on Foss hill and experienced a “common moment” in which we all danced, stretched, and reflected in silence. It was at that moment that I looked back on my first day, the interesting people I met, the great conversations that I had, and the overall sense of community that I could already feel to realize that Wesleyan was undoubtedly the place for me.

Favorite movie(s):
The Matrix
Step Brothers
Les Misérables

Favorite song:
Back to the Races by Chadwick Stokes

Fun Fact:
When I’m scared I like to pretend that I’m in the Matrix movies.

Why I want to be a tour guide:
I know that during the college process it can be so easy to focus on the details of what each school provides rather than the overall experience. I want to ensure that prospective students know about the culture of Wesleyan and the opportunities that it provides so that, in turn, they may have access to the same great experience that I have had at Wes.

Academic Interests:
Philosophy, Physics, Psychology (Undecided)

Favorite class at Wes:
Buddhism and the Body: Disgust, Desire, and Transcendence

Though it wasn’t initially my first choice, my first year seminar about Buddhism ended up spurring the most thought-provoking discussions that I have ever had. From questioning the notions of self, to exploring the Buddhist practice of meditation on death, the class continually forced me to step outside my comfort zone and question my own predispositions. Though I’m still not a Buddhist, I often think about the concepts that I learned in that class and apply them to my daily life.

Current Classes:
- Metaphysics
- General Physics I
- Research Methods of Social Psychology
- Science in Western Culture