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Why I chose Wesleyan:

Growing up in LA I didn't realize schools like Wesleyan existed. I'm First Gen and Low Income, which comes with its own struggles, but going to college out of state was something that didn't seem real to me. Luckily, I was part of a College prep program that showed me what college could be. They took us to the East Coast and showed us many Liberal Arts schools and Wesleyan was one of them. I never had a dream school; in California we have the UCs and Cal-states which are great but I could never see myself in them. After an amazing tour and info session, I could see myself at Wesleyan. I don't know how to explain it but what made Wesleyan feel so different from the other schools was how welcoming it was when we got there. I saw myself make a home out of something that felt so out of home and that's what happened.

Academic Interests:

Film and Latin American Studies

Favorite class at Wes:

Either Language of Hollywood's discussion section First things film taught by Scott Higgins or Revolution and Rupture taught by Ren Ellis Neyra

Current Classes:

Film 304- History of Global Cinema

- Also its discussion section First Things Film

The Dark Side of the Universe

Oceanic Life in the Anthropocene

Why I want to be a tour guide:

What ultimately made me chose Wesleyan was a great tour. I also understand the position of not knowing what school you want to go to and if I can help someone with that then I know I did something right. Whether people on my tours realize Wesleyan is the best option or maybe its not the right fit for them, they will be on their way closer to finding what they want. I feel like I was lucky to have this important experience of seeing the campus and having a student be honest with me, I would love to give that to others who come to Wes,

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:

- Member of Ajuja Campos the Latinx organization at Wes
- Assist in senior thesis videos
- Part-time at Summerfields
- Part of religious and spiritual life (Catholic)

Favorite Activity at Wes:

- Going to Resource Center events
- Walking to main street on weekends
- Getting ice cream from Weshop at midnight
- Attending the film series

Favorite moment at Wes:

My favorite moment at Wes was the silent disco during orientation. That was so much fun, as well as karaoke night.

Favorite movie(s):

- The Lobster
- No Country for Old men
- In the Mood for Love
- Inglorious Bastards
- Isle of Dogs
- Children of men
- Nacho Libre
- So many more

Favorite song:

- Wait a minute! By Willow