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### Why I chose Wesleyan:

While I am an arts major and initially applied to conservatory programs, I can't see myself anywhere but Wesleyan. Many of the other colleges I visited separated themselves from their surrounding communities with high gates and fences. Wesleyan, however, is well-integrated into the city of Middletown. So not only have I been able to study film at one of the top ten programs in the country, but Wesleyan's open campus both allows and encourages my passion for the arts and community service to bleed into the greater community.

### Academic Interests:

Film, Studio Art, African American Studies, Music

### Favorite class at Wes:

Contemporary Dance from Global Perspectives! Between learning to vogue, performing drag and meditating to Bollywood music, I've never been more excited to be pushed out of my comfort zone so early into my freshman year.

### Current Classes:

Photography I  
History of Global Cinema  
Intermediate Spanish II  
Experimental Music Composition

### Why I want to be a tour guide:

I'm a first generation college student. Because I couldn't turn to my parents for help in the college application process, it was overwhelmingly stressful. Visiting schools, however, helped quell a lot of this anxiety. More specifically, my tour guides were a huge proponent in not only helping me envision myself in institutions like Wesleyan, but also in helping me fall in love with higher learning in a much broader sense. I hope that I can be even a microscopic version of that for younger first generation/low income students who are equally as stressed as I was.

### Outside the Classroom:

#### Extracurriculars:

- Teaches elementary schoolers how to make and edit short films
- Poet and photographer for The Ankh, Wesleyan's student of color literary and arts magazine
- Questbridge Scholar
- Member of USLAC, Wesleyan's workers' rights union

#### Favorite Activity at Wes:

Ice skating with friends on Sunday afternoons

#### Favorite moment at Wes:

Dr. A Breeze Harper's talk on food justice and environmental racism

#### Favorite movie(s):

- Roma
- Princess Mononoke
- Amelie
- Moonlight

#### Favorite Song:

Mad x Solange

#### Fun Fact:

My family chooses what cities we live in based on their music scene! So far I've lived in Memphis, Atlanta and New York.