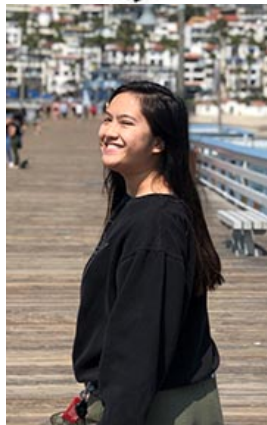


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Why I chose Wesleyan:

While visiting Wesleyan, I attended a Student of Color Dinner that had a speaker who was a Wes alum that shared her story as a first-generation college student from the Bronx who is now a successful lawyer at Google. Coming from a similar background, I was so inspired and moved by her speech, I knew that Wesleyan was the place where I belonged.

Academic Interests:

- Astronomy
- Physics
- 3/2 Engineering Program

Favorite class at Wes:

- Galaxies, Quasars, & Cosmology

Current Classes:

- Quantum Mechanics
- Classical Dynamics
- Stellar Structure & Evolution
- Differential Equations
- Computational Physics

Why I want to be a tour guide:

I have learned that Wesleyan is a truly unique place filled with the best people and I am excited to share that with prospective students. I want to share that Wesleyan students have a variety of interests and participate in so many different activities which cultivates communities filled with all kinds of wonderful people to convince applicants that Wes is the best place to be.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:

- Astronomy Research
- Physics TA
- Physics Curator Assistant
- Second Stage

Favorite Activity at Wes:

- Building physics demos

Favorite moment at Wes:

- Late night "studying" in Van Vleck Observatory

Favorite movie(s):

- The Greatest Showman
- Bridget Jones's Diary

Favorite song:

- "Your Song" by Elton John

Fun Fact:

- I used to be obsessed with Blake Shelton.