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Why I chose Wesleyan:

I chose Wes because, academically-speaking, it was exactly what I was looking for, even though what I was looking for was weirdly specific and niche (a liberal arts school with a strong music program with an emphasis in world music). More than that, the alumni I'd talked to had such diverse experiences at Wes, but all of them shared a strong love for the school, which I found really beautiful.

Academic Interests:

Music (ethnomusicology), South Asian Studies

Favorite class at Wes:

Global Philosophy
Music in Africa

Current Classes:

Diasporic South Asian Writing and American Studies
Tonal Harmony
Elementary French II
Modern South Asia
Improvisational Techniques in South Indian Music

Why I want to be a tour guide:

In my time at Wes, the campus has come to mean so much more than just what it is physically; I have memories and experiences associated with all of these places, as every student does, and I want to help convey a lived experience of Wesleyan to everyone who's interested in being a part of this community.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars:

- Radio DJ on WESU
- Tutor with the Writing Workshop
- Tech staff for the Center for the Arts
- Music/vocal directing Second Stage productions

Favorite Activity at Wes:

Going to the arts productions!

Favorite moment at Wes:

Freshman Thanksgiving dinner at Usdan with my family away from family

Favorite movie(s):

- Monty Python and the Holy Grail
- Call Me By Your Name
- Inception
- Kill Bill

Favorite song:

Too many! But right now,

- The Hop, A Tribe Called Quest
- Like Sugar, Chaka Khan
- Being for the Benefit of Mr Kite, The Beatles

Fun Fact:

I can binge watch entire, 23-episode TV shows in a day. And I have. Many times.