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Why I chose Wesleyan:

After making the decision to transfer from a predominantly women's college, I knew exactly what I liked and did not like in a school. I knew that I wanted a college with excellent academics, but I also needed a campus with a vibrant community outside the classroom. Every alum and current student I talked to told me they found this and more at Wes. After being at Wesleyan for 2 years, I know that they were right. Wesleyan has a balanced environment filled with both rigor and vigor!

Academic Interests: Government major, Certificate in Social, Cultural and Critical Theory

Favorite class at Wes: Introduction to Sociology with Professor Patterson-Faye

Current Classes: Refugee Literature, Ethics of Captivity, Farm Forum, Strength Training, Virtual Internship with Adolescent Consultation Services

Why I want to be a tour guide:

I believe first impressions matter. For most prospective students, the tour is the foundation for this critical first impression of a college. Being a tour guide is a very important responsibility, and I would welcome a chance to share my insight and excitement for Wesleyan. I have a unique perspective as a transfer student. I hope to serve as a reminder that the college process is not always linear, and everything will be okay! Above all, I would be honored to share my immense love for a place that has already changed my life.

Outside the Classroom:

Extracurriculars: Research Assistant in the Government Department (on Access to Justice), Volunteer teacher for ASHA (Adolescent Sexual Health Awareness), Student Advisory Committee for SACE (Survivor Advocacy and Community Education, Tutor for foster children in area (Foster Care Support Project), dance and theater

Favorite Activity at Wes:
Spring Fling!

Favorite moment at Wes:
My first Usdan Thanksgiving!

Favorite movie(s):
Good Will Hunting

Favorite Books
Becoming by Michelle Obama, Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Favorite Musical Artist:
Dave Matthews Band

Fun Fact:
I've had two pet hedgehogs!