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**Why I chose Wesleyan:** In addition to the academic freedom, what drew me to Wesleyan was the spirit of collaboration, and in particular the artistic community. This is a place where it is normal to have a schedule packed with mismatched passions and to keep finding new ones, and that's what made it feel like home for me. The people around me constantly surprise me with how inventively they live their lives, and I love that about Wesleyan.

### **Academic Interests:**

Psychology and Dance double major, Education Studies minor

### **Favorite class at Wes:**

Contact Improvisation with Julie Mulvihill (It's the reason I'm a dance major!)

### **Current Classes:**

(PSYC) Social Psychology  
(THEA) Acting I  
(DANC) Bharata Natyam I  
(DANC) Dancing in the Pandemic  
(DANC) Jazz

**Why I want to be a tour guide:** Every place on campus is associated with a memory of mine, and sharing those moments on tours reveal the real Wesleyan. By sharing what each place means to me, I hope I can show prospective students how this campus can transform into their intellectual and creative home. I still remember my tour guides, and they showed me who I could become at Wesleyan: someone who is imaginative and curious in everything they do. I genuinely love Wesleyan, and I want people to see how valuable an environment like this can be.

## Outside the Classroom:

### **Extracurriculars:**

*work:* Presentation Studio,  
dance course assistant  
*theater:* Second Stage  
*clubs:* Climate Action Group,  
Sunrise Movement  
Middletown

### **Favorite Activity at Wes:**

Working with the many progressive groups on campus and providing support for each other's groups and goals.

### **Favorite moment at Wes:**

Watching Mamma Mia on the big screen on Foss this fall – even in at a distance, I still felt so connect to my Wes peers.

### **Favorite TV show(s):**

Sex Education; POSE

### **Favorite song:**

Chameleon – Jenae Ailia

### **Fun Fact:**

At my job during summer 2019, I taught first graders how to scat.