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## HOBBIES

Piano playing, writing, and playing games

## FACTS NEW STUDENTS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT PITTSBURGH, CMU OR BME

You may know that Pittsburgh has some slang words, such as yins, Stillers (Steelers), and dahntawn (downtown). Some other Pittsburgh-ese, as we call it, is sweeper (vacuum cleaner), red up (put back in order), pop (soda), and buggy (shopping cart). Pittsburgh, sometimes called Picklesburg, is also known as the city of bridges, holding the 10<sup>th</sup> position for cities with the most bridges in the world!

## LEARN ABOUT CMU BME AMBASSADORS

### FAVORITE THING ABOUT BME DEPARTMENT

The faculty are so friendly, warm, and welcoming to people of all backgrounds. They helped ease my self-doubts and provide an environment that encourages learning and growing. Thanks to them, the transition to joining CMU is easy!

### FAVORITE THING ABOUT CMU

In nearly every building around campus, you can find a café. This might sound insignificant now, but having so many options means you will always have a place to grab a quick coffee between classes, eat a snack while doing homework, or rest somewhere comfortable. Most buildings are connected by passageways as well, making it easy to find tables nearby to relax while waiting for classes or trying to study. In addition, the shops near CMU's campus have other options for food and relaxation to fit all your needs.

### WHY I PICKED CMU FOR MY GRAD STUDIES?

CMU offers one of the top ranked programs in BME in the world. They present a variety of courses and research options, illustrating the broad spectrum and depth of the program. Carnegie Mellon University is one of the best universities in the world, as I have learned from my father's experiences as he interacted with the faculty and students while teaching in the MSCF program for several years. I am proud to have been accepted into the BME program at CMU!

### LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS

My interests lie in medical devices and regenerative medicine. These fields have been an important part of saving lives for years, especially in my family. I ultimately hope to enter the medical devices industry and work for a company to supply surgeons with better tools to make the process easier for the doctors and the patients. After working for some time, I hope to one day return for a PhD and begin teaching.