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Dancing, Volleyball, Reading, Hiking, Travelling/Exploring, & Netflix

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

Carnegie Mellon University has a commonly painted object in the middle of campus known as the FENCE. This fence was known as the “World’s Most Painted Object” by the Guinness Book of World Records until 1993, which was when the original wooden fence collapsed. But not to worry, it was rebuilt and students have continued to paint it over the years.

LEARN ABOUT CMU BME AMBASSADORS

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BME DEPARTMENT

I love the wide variety of classes that CMU’s BME Department has to offer. There are so many different and interesting classes that help students explore different interests to see what they could potentially pursue long term in their career. The BME faculty are all conducting novel research in their individual labs, so they are all exceptionally enthusiastic to teach students about their field of study.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT CMU

The student population at CMU is extremely diverse and I have had the pleasure of working with and learning from students from all over the world. CMU fosters a collaborative environment in classrooms, which gives students the opportunity to work in group settings and brainstorm ideas to produce innovative products/projects.

WHY I PICKED CMU FOR MY GRAD STUDIES?

CMU was my number one choice and dream school for graduate studies. From Undergrad, I graduated with a Bachelor’s in Bioengineering and worked in the industry for two years as a Medical Engineer where I evaluated, tested, and certified Medical Devices to nationally recognized standards. I decided it was time for me to go back for my Master’s Degree and CMU’s Dual Master’s Degree in Biomedical Engineering and in Engineering and Technology Innovation Management quickly caught my eye. This degree allows me to have the best of both worlds: Engineering and Management, which both help me develop a subset of skills that will help me long term in my career.

LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS

I am interested in the field of Rehabilitation Engineering, specifically working with Prosthetics and in Medical Robotics. I hope to achieve a Product Management role at company that provides those living with impairments technology that can improve their everyday lives! I am very excited to see where life takes me next!