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### **HOBBIES**

Piano, meditation, photography, running, art/drawing, Super Smash Bros., dance, anime, chess, Sudoku, coding, singing, reading, Word Hunt, and learning languages.

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

The Carnegie Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History is right next to our department. Within a ten minute walk. At some point during your first semester, you need to check out both. You have no excuse. Both museums are stunning, particularly the art museum.

The botanical garden is also five minutes by foot from our department. We have free access to all these facilities and more, so take advantage of it!

## **LEARN ABOUT CMU BME AMBASSADORS**

### **FAVORITE THING ABOUT BME DEPARTMENT**

The courses. Our department offers such a wide variety of classes that you have the freedom to choose ones you genuinely care about. Coursework should be something you're excited about, and our department makes it easy to tailor your learning experience to your interests.

### **FAVORITE THING ABOUT CMU**

Definitely the people. I love my friends, and I am so thankful for the community of students in my program. You will quickly discover that CMU is home to some of the smartest people in the world, each with their own unique strengths and perspectives. By staying open to learning from everyone around you, every day can become an incredible opportunity for growth and inspiration.

### **LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS**

I want to work as an AI Engineer, making a real impact with my code. As it turns out, Biomedical Engineering is the perfect interface for addressing people-centered problems and solving real-world challenges that make a difference. My career is a pursuit of my lifelong passion for learning, and I am excited to channel that passion to leave a mark on the world.

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

I completed my undergrad in Biomedical Engineering through the Joint Department of UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State. While I enjoyed exploring the field's many applications, I found the most joy in my neuroscience lab, where I leveraged machine learning to analyze mice behavior. This is where I began to discover my passion for artificial intelligence.

CMU's M.S. in Artificial Intelligence Engineering – Biomedical Engineering was the perfect bridge between my background in biomedical engineering and my dreams of becoming an AI engineer. Though I was accepted into other programs specific to AI or BME, this one stood out for its unique combination of both fields, perfectly aligning with my goals.