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BS in Computer Science

Why did you choose to study at WPI?
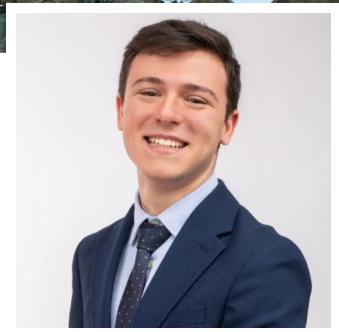
The project-based system was the right thing for me. I am not a person that loves theory over practice, but WPI has been extremely helpful in combining the best of both worlds in a very balanced and equal way. Every seven weeks we take three classes that include laboratories and cool projects. The WPI Plan has been useful for me to get ready for the real world.

How are you involved with the WPI community?

Here at WPI, I am part of the High-Power Rocketry Club (HPRC), Universal Education Initiative (UEI), and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). From learning to program rockets, to founding my own non-profit organization, WPI has supported every step of my career development. The NGO (non-profit work) project I'm working on focuses on delivering opportunities for communities around the world to get the quality education they deserve. We already tested our pilot plan in the community of Merida in Venezuela with great results and we are looking forward to

Hometown
originally from Italy, grew up in Venezuela and Panama

Mentor/Advisor

- Michael Johnson

Achievements

- Dean's List

Interests

- Spending time with friends

- Violin

- Music Production

- Video Editing

- Watching Comedy Shows

- Rockets

- Listening to music

expanding to other countries. During the fall of my junior year, I had a very productive, fully funded trip to the National Convention for SHPE in Anaheim, California. I couldn't be more excited about every opportunity WPI has offered.

What's your favorite thing about WPI?

How everyone acts like a big family. Whether you are talking to students, faculty, staff, or Campus Police, the WPI community has strong bonds that foster cooperation and belonging. Support here is something you will find even before stepping on campus.

Do you have a faculty or staff mentor?

On top of teaching my Calculus III class, Professor Michael Johnson was my Insight Advisor (IA) during my first year at WPI. Unfortunately, I got very sick around the third week on campus and had to go home to rest. Professor Johnson supported me a lot during this challenging time, and I was able to finish my term with really good grades!

How has WPI's project-based learning influenced your education?

At WPI, you're constantly applying your knowledge and skills to real-world problems you'll encounter in the industry after graduation. In nearly every class, you'll find yourself working on hands-on projects. Thanks to WPI's project-based learning methodology, I rarely feel like I'm just memorizing information for class. Instead, WPI students build technical skills through repeated practice (much like muscle memory) by actively doing time and time again. WPI develops your analytical abilities through immersive, project-based learning experiences that are unique to our school.

Campus Activities

- High Power Rocketry Club (HPRC)
- Universal Education Initiative (UEI)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
- Campus Tour Guide (Crimson Key)
- Admissions Associate
- International Associate

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wake up for a shift at one of my campus jobs or sleep until 9AM if I don't have a shift	sometimes Starbucks coffee! (and catching up with work or friends)	CS 3043 - Social Implications of Information Processing class	C E

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