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**BS in Environmental & Sustainability Studies and
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Why did you choose to study at WPI?

I chose to study at WPI for a number of reasons, most notably the project-based curriculum! I think it encourages more interdisciplinary research and throughout my time here so far, I've gotten to work with students from a lot of different majors and disciplines which I think has broadened my perspective. I was also interested in the 7-week, 3-course term system because I like a faster-paced learning environment. It's pushed me to stay on top of my work and extracurriculars. Lastly, I was excited about IQPs. Traveling abroad to another country to work on your project with a group sounded really engaging and a cool opportunity to apply a project in a global sense.

How are you involved with the WPI community?

I'm part of the Korean Student Association, WPI's chapter of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists, and the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. They all provide a safe space and a great community on campus. It's not just a space that provides professional opportunities and connections, but one to gather and socialize. I love the people I've gotten to know through them.

Hometown

Longmeadow, MA

Mentor/Advisor

- William San Martin

Achievements

- Summer Training in the Arts and Sciences (STAR) Fellowship Award
- Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP) at Brown University

Interests

- Sustainability
- Staying active
- Hanging out with friends
- Traveling

Campus Activities

What's your favorite thing about WPI?

My favorite thing about WPI has to be the professors! I've met some really passionate and amazing professors through taking classes so far. They are very passionate about what they teach and their research outside teaching as well. I've been able to connect with and conduct research alongside professors that welcomed me into their work. I gained first-hand experience and knowledge I don't think I could obtain anywhere else!

- American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists, Vice President
- Korean Student Association, Vice President and Pan-Asian Representative
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

Do you have a faculty or staff mentor?

Professor San Martín has been instrumental in the research I've done at WPI. I took one of his classes during A-Term of my freshman year. He's provided a lot of advice and mentorship, as well as helping me find and navigate various research opportunities. He's been such a positive light next to me, and I'm really grateful and appreciative of him.

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

Through project-based learning, I've gained a broader and more diverse perspective. It's not every day that you can work on a project or group work with students from varying majors and backgrounds, so I've been able to connect with many different students! It's also helped me improve skills such as effective communication, teamwork, and critical thinking skills which I applied to research I conducted outside of my classes. I went into these opportunities already having experience carrying out projects so in a way, I felt like I had a leg up!

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9:00 AM

Wake up to get ready
and have breakfast
before my first class.

10:00 AM

Soil Mechanics class.

11:00 AM

Meet up at the CC with
my friends to do
homework, eat lunch,
and take advantage of
Dunkin for some coffee.

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