



# Caleb Cotoia

## '26

**BS in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Engineering**



### Why did you choose to study at WPI?

I chose to study at WPI because of their pioneering robotics engineering program. Many other schools offered concentrations or minors, but WPI has a full major and sets the standard for other engineering programs.

### How are you involved with the WPI community?

I am involved with numerous performing arts groups on campus: Audiophiles A Capella, Vox Musical Theatre, Empty Set comedy group, and Glee Club, chief among them. I enjoy the community surrounding these clubs and the opportunity to perform, which is something that brings me joy.

### What's your favorite thing about WPI?

One of my favorite things about WPI is the community. Students in any club could love music or theater but also study engineering or another

### Hometown

South Yarmouth, MA

### Mentor/Advisor

- Mustapha Fofana

### Achievements

- Dean's List

### Interests

- Acting
- Singing
- Video Games
- Robotics
- Automation
- Manufacturing
- Movies

STEM field. I sing Mozart in choir at one moment, then work with others on calculus problems the next moment. Everyone is so supportive. When you find your people, you feel at home.

**Do you have a faculty or staff mentor?**

One faculty member that has been influential to me is Mustapha Fofana. I took one of his classes in sophomore year and I answered a trigonometry question during one lecture. From then on, I was 'Trig Guy'! It was a large class, but after I made an impression, Professor Fofana would greet me when we saw each other around campus. He even wrote me a recommendation letter for a job application! He made me feel recognized and supported.

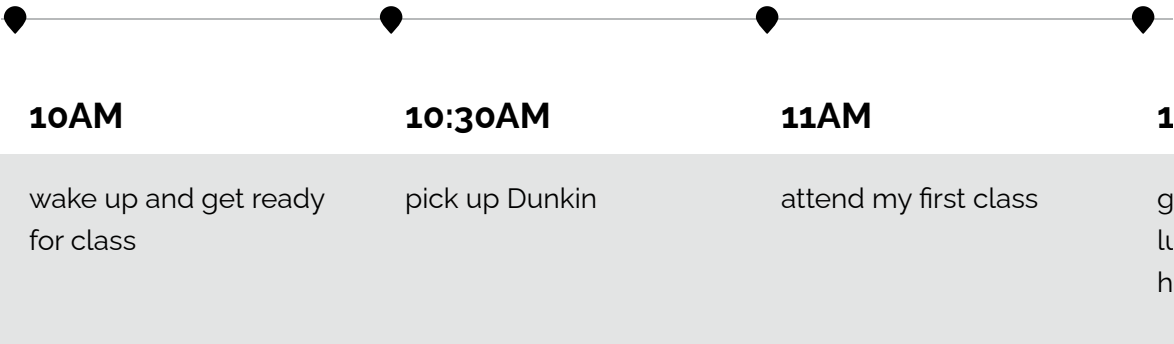
**How has WPI's project-based learning influenced your education?**

Project-based learning has given me the experience necessary to understand the concepts learned in class. A great example of this was in the class Unified Robotics I. The labs and projects in that class let me practice the three facets of robotics engineering. I was comfortable with mechanics, but I needed to exercise my programming and electrical assembly knowledge.

**Campus Activities**

- Audiophiles A Capella
- Vox Musical Theatre
- Empty Set comedy group
- Glee Club

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