

**Why did I come to the UW and join the Honors Program?**

Last summer and fall, as I was getting ready to apply for college, I had some pretty serious decision making to do. What colleges should I apply to? Where do I want to spend the next years of my life? I applied to I believe six different schools, and the University of Washington was one of them. I just had this feeling that it was a place where I could fit in and excel. I love the rain, music, and technology, so Seattle seemed amazing. Plus, computers are my passion, and I have been programming for years now, so an incredible computer science program such as the one here at UW was absolutely necessary.

Although I was already almost positive by that point that I was going to apply, when I discovered the Honors Program, that pretty much sealed the deal. I have always enjoyed learning and discovering new things, so anything I could do to improve the academic experience I would have at college just made the whole thing that much more exciting. The Honors program just seemed like such a perfect fit for that goal, more depth in some courses, a broader variety of classes to try, and a group of faculty and staff that could help me explore academics at a higher level.

**What are my expectations of myself while at UW and in Honors?**

During my time here, my main focus of course will be on academics. I will be trying for high grades in my classes, but I also plan to participate in other academic pursuits outside the classroom such as research. I am still undecided on whether or not to do a study abroad program during one of my

summers. It seems like it could be a good experience, but my goal is to get my bachelors degree in three years, which means that I may want to spend the summers doing internships to gain experience, make connections, and get a foot into the software industry before I graduate. Outside of academics, I hope to continue pursuing music (I have played drums for a few years now), join a few clubs and groups, and, (hopefully) meet people.

Within the Honors Program I hope to complete both Interdisciplinary Honors and Departmental Honors in Computer Science. I am also looking forward to participating in research and other programs that the Honors program has to offer.