New Student Information Form

1. Computer Science, Cognitive Science and Econ are my potential majors. I haven't yet decided on one, but if I had to choose the most likely, it would probably be Comp Sci.

Within Computer Science, there are 3 topics that especially interest me: Computational genomics, "AI" (Machine learning as well other techniques) and graphics/simulations (2D and 3D).

I don't have a specific career plan in mind, but I'm interested in both entrepreneurship and corporate jobs. Probably something that involves software and or finance. Long term, I would like to found/own my own company, and also influence policy.

1. Outside of school my favorite thing is to hang out with friends. What we do isn't as important as spending time together. I like going out to eat and also doing more active things, like playing golf or padel.

I also like to go to the gym, it helps me clear my mind and feel generally better, both mentally and physically.

1. I don't have a favorite book, but one I really liked was the first Sherlock Holmes, "A Study in Scarlet". I like mystery books, as well as movies, because I am thinking about how it will end throughout the whole story, and constantly updating my theories as new clues pop up. I find the whole process really entertaining.
2. My favorite movie is Hidden Figures. The plot follows three mathematicians that start working at NASA and find themselves the victims of discrimination due to their skin color and their gender. The reason I like it is that despite these initial issues, they prove to be pivotal to the launch of the first American orbital spaceflight.
3. My favorite meal is Ceviche, a seafood dish from Peru that typically contains raw fish "cooked" with lemon juice. I find the mix of flavours between the fish and the grains or rice side dish very tasty.
4. What we do isn't as important as spending time together. I enjoy talking and discussing virtually any topic that comes up, so any activity that allows for that I enjoy (eg. coffee, eating out, golf).

I also like to exercise with friends, like playing padel or going to the gym.

Another thing I like to do is go out and try new food places.

1. I like pop, trap (from Argentina), rap, LoFi and sometimes a bit of acoustic.

Pop: Oscu, Sebastián Yatra, Machine Gun Kelly, Chayanne, Camilo, COldplay

Trap: Bizarrap, WOS, Duki

Rap: Juice WRLD, Khantrast, Drake

Acoustic: Mancha de Rolando, Ed Maverick

1. My favorite memory is from my time in Panama. The global organization to which my high school belonged arranged a trip to Panama for incoming seniors from high schools from around the world. I got to live for 2 weeks in a house with 15 other teenagers, all of whom were super fun and friendly.
2. I'd like to have dinner with the three grandparents I was never able to meet. I have no sense for any of the two on my mothers side, but agree with many of their values from the stories I heard.
3. On my father's side, my grandfather was a mathematician and engineer. On top of that, I've been told we have very similar personalities, so I believe that I would have really enjoyed his company and that we would have had amazing conversations.
4. I usually meet new people in social gatherings or parties when I get together with friends of friends. With the ones I have a chance to talk to and whose company I enjoy, I usually become friends. I like to be there for my friends whenever they need me, and would like my friends to be the same.

I don't need to have any specific interests in common. There are people very similar to me with whom I cannot get the conversation going, while there are others with completely different interests, but with whom I can talk for hours on end without getting bored. If that happens with someone, and I know they are a good person and would treat me with respect, that's pretty much all I need for them to become my friends.

1. I don't usually become attached to physical objects, so it'd be hard to say.

The first would be a picture of my family.

The second one would be the lanyard they gave me during a science competition in the Netherlands. The preparation for that was a very tough process for me. I was under a lot of pressure and I believe that the only way I was able to go through it was thanks to my family, friends and teammates. The lanyard is a reminder of what we could overcome together.

The third one would be the slippers I got at the hospital while I was recovering from back surgery. It was heavy, and for a couple of days I could not move, and after I began to move, I still wasn't able to walk. I though at that time that having decided to go through the surgery was a terrible mistake. In the end, I was able to recover my mobility after training by walking around the hospital (with those slippers on).

1. One time I was taking measurements in the jungle for a project, and I had to cross a small river, that rather than water flowing had like a foot deep of mud. The only way I found to cross it was by walking on a log that had fallen across the river and acted as a bridge. Turns out that the log was rotten on the inside, and while crossing it broke in half. I managed to jump to the other side quickly enough to not get dirty. But the interesting part was when I had to get back. The log was still the only way to cross, so I though of jumping from one half to the other and then to land again. Well, while landing on the second half, it broke. After getting one foot into the mud, I managed to jump with the other and grab a tree branch that was directly above the river. I waited hanging there until someone came to help me get down. For a couple of minutes I felt like Indiana Jones, the off-brand version.