University of Pennsylvania Interview preparation

# General Introduction

* **Can you tell me a little bit about yourself?**
  + Dónde vivo
  + I like computer science, specially applying to other areas.
  + For fun I like to watch netflix and youtube, which I also use to learn about programming. I use Blinkist to read about personal development, business or philosophy books.
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* **How would your friends describe you?**

I have a couple of friends group very different from each other personality-wise. They would note different qualities in me, but I believe all would agree that I am always there when I am needed. On my list of priorities, friends are one of the highest things on the list, so I’ve gone to someone’s house at three in the morning when they’ve had problems with their family.

* **What would you like the Admissions office to know that might not appear in your application?**

Same as above

* **What experiences have you had with people who are different from you?**

Cuando crecí por las olimpiadas internacionales.

# Academic and Personal interests

* **What do you most like learning about?**

Two years ago, while preparing for the Informatics Olympiads, I came across an article on a text manipulation algorithm for analyzing the DNA sequences of individuals from different species. I was fascinated by the application of this method across disciplines and challenged myself to do the same with the algorithms I was learning. Since that day, I step back at every opportunity and ask myself how what I am studying connects to what I know about computer science and how potential connections may change my understanding of the problem.

In the past few years, I have created several programs. However, it was through the development of a navigation app for the blind community and a health reimbursement platform for people with disabilities that I developed a passion for applying computer science to health and for the benefit of society.

* **How do you learn best?**

I learn the best through practice, so when I want to learn a new subject, I look up a bit of theory, and then try to apply it in someway. In topics related to CS, it usually ends up being a prototype, but it may vary in other areas.

* **What is your favorite part of your school experience?**

HABLAR DE CÓMO CRECÍ CON LA GENTE DE TIC

* **What topics or assignments have you found particularly intriguing?**

EXPLICAR LO DE OLIMPIADAS Y CS50 y como desarrolló mis gustos

* **Is there anything that you would change about your high school experience?**

Yes, there is. I had a small but tight group of friends at first. At first I didn’t think of talking to new people and get to know them. After a personal change I underwent two years ago, that started happening, and in these last year and a half I made more friends than in the other four years combined. I’ve met some truly amazing people that have taught me many things, and that have been with me in the good and in the bad situations.

* **How do you spend your time when you're not in school?**

I have a few activities outside of school. The first thing I do when I leave school is go to the gym. I have acute genetic scoliosis and for years I used a rigid plastic vest around my torso, and hip to keep by back upright. When I stopped using a supporting vest a year and a half ago, I started feeling an immense amount of pain. My muscles had weakened, and that coupled with the strange shape of my column made me constantly feel uncomfortable. I go to the gym five days a week now to fight that sensation and to strengthen my back. In February I will finally undergo surgery, and I want to have my back strong enough to withstand it.

* **What's the biggest challenge you've overcome?**

LAS OLIMPIADAS INTERNACIONALES Y LA PREPARACIÓN

* + Gente que no conocía
  + El proyecto de gente con alzheimers y la escuela al mismo tiempo
  + Un montón de tareas hasta tarde
  + Los viajes una semana por mes para entrenar. Una carga horaria tan grandes.
  + Nunca haber tenido clases de física o química y alcanzar el nivel internacional. Todo el esfuerzo que requirió.
  + Finalmente gané la medalla de bronce.

# Penn’s resources: what they know, what they’ve heard, what they’ll love

* **Why Penn? How did you first hear about Penn?**

I heard about Penn in a surprisingly strange way. I was watching a show on netflix called Pretty Little Liars. One of the girls on the show mentioned that she wanted to attend UPenn and explained that it was a top tier university. I was curious because I had never heard of it, and

WHY PENN ANSWERED BELOW

* **What draws you to the undergraduate school/program to which you’ve applied?**
  + I enjoy mixing several subject with computer science. I don’t really enjoy studying it isolation.In the past few years, I have created several programs. But it was through the development of a navigation app for the blind community and a health reimbursement platform for people with disabilities that I developed a passion for applying computer science to health and for the benefit of society.
  + THEY HAVE A BIG FOCUS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE, BUT APPLIED TO SOLVING SOCIETY’S PROBLEMS
  + Penn’s research focus on data science presents an incredible opportunity to do this. The department’s research on medical systems is also something I would like to witness first-hand because of its close work with patients in treatment.
  + Moreover, I am excited at the idea of working under faculty in the Warren Center for Network & Data Sciences. I believe the work being done there on the fairness of machine learning algorithms will play an important role as these algorithms are implemented more and more widely.
* **What on-campus opportunities are you most excited about?**
  + Assembly of International Students
  + I grew a great deal from being in a small cohort at the Olympiad as well as on a specialized track in my highschool and look forward to participating in the Assembly of International Students, which I hope will be a tight-knit environment within which to form meaningful relationships with students in all areas of study and from all over the world. I hope to become an active participant in it and continue to learn from my peers.
  + With everything I learn from these opportunities I want to start a company that generates a positive social impact. Penn can provide me with the tools necessary to achieve this through its Entrepreneurship and Innovation specialization.

Beyond the classes that are part of the program, I would also like to become involved in a startup and participate in the assortment of competitions, like STARTUP Challenge, and showcases at the Wharton school. I am very interested in the possibility of working full-time on my own project as part of the Summer Venture Award.

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# Share your Penn experience

* **What questions do you have?**
  + (ASK IF HE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FIRST) Were you part of the International Students Assembly? What was your experience with it? In your eyes, did they have an impact?
  + How would you describe the culture at UPenn? Does it feel weird to be a foreigner (IN CASE HE IS ONE)?
  + I know it may be different with undergraduate students, but were your professors approachable? Did you feel you could as tem things or even talk about topics not related directly to your classes?
  + Which part of the UPenn experience do you believe had the biggest influence on you? Did you keep in touch with other alumni?
  + What was you favorite part of studying at UPenn?
* **Is there anything you’d like to tell me that I haven’t asked you about?**

I would like to ask you some questions I had regarding your time at UPenn.

ADEMÁS DE ESO

* quería contar sobre un par de proyectos.
* Contar que estaba interesado en el International Students Assembly