

Transcript:

1. Intro:

Hi everyone. My name is Nancy Wang. And I am an international student from Beijing, China. I was born and raised in Beijing and went to Beidaziyuan for middle school. I went to high school at Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, IL.

I'm currently a freshman at Northwestern University studying journalism.

2. List a few reasons why you chose Northwestern.

One of the few reasons why I chose Northwestern was the great resources and opportunities that the University has to offer. When I was applying to college, I always knew I wanted to study journalism; however, I also had interests in economics, management and other curriculums related to business. Northwestern not only has many pre professional schools such as Medill School of Journalism, Bienen School of Music, and a school of communications but also has a strong liberal arts college, so students can take classes in two different schools in very different curriculums. You can also participate in a variety of activities and events hosted by these schools to increase your knowledge in different field of interests.

Personally, I am currently doing a marketing track in Medill and taking economics classes in Weinberg. This balance and combination of classes is very popular at Northwestern, and is definitely one of the reasons why I picked Northwestern.

The second reason is that Northwestern has a great location for a top-tier university. Northwestern have one of the best college town in America. As an international student I feel very comfortable and at ease to have so many nice restaurants, Asian cuisines as well as any convenient stores close by the college campus. And Chicago is the third largest city in the United States. It is a great city for concerts, activities, exploration, lectures, and culture events as well as internship opportunities. Northwestern students are very involved in activities in both Evanston and Chicago.

3. Favorite part of Northwestern's campus

The Northwestern campus is larger than I thought. The university campus is divided into two parts usually referred to as North and South campus. Most of the liberal arts and communication classes are held on South campus such as journalism, theatre, and other classes. The South campus is really close to Evanston. Students living on the South campus sometimes feel like Evanston is a part of our campus as well. The North campus is where most of the math and science classes take place. All in all, the university campus is very beautiful because we have not only the vibe and lifestyle of a college in the city but also the nature feel of Lake Michigan. Sometimes, students will walk along the lake after school, and the view is absolutely gorgeous. In addition, you can also see the silhouette of the city of Chicago on campus across from the water. The city is a very cultured and diverse place. Many students will take time to visit the city and look for internships there. The diverse atmosphere of

the campus prepares student very well when they graduate and work in places they desire.

4. Describe the classroom atmosphere at Northwestern

The classroom environment is really friendly and interactive. In many classes, you will get to know your professor and TA really well. There are a lot of opportunities for discussions. My favorite class this quarter is called Asian American and Popular Culture. This class is part of a very unique department at Northwestern called Asian American Studies. While the name of the class is called Asian American and Popular Culture, the professor made sure to examine the cultures and interactions of all races and ethnicities that moved to American and lived here. Through the course, I was able to learn about the conflicts that these racial groups have with today's American society and the popular culture that they foster. This class is especially interesting because besides having lectures, watching movies, and examining popular cultures, I was also asked to produce a 5 minute video at the end of the quarter to present an issue related to race rebel and popular culture to the class. All in all, this class not only taught me knowledge about the Asian American culture and race rebel but also helped me learn a lot of communication skills and video production techniques.

5. Please describe the characteristics of the Northwestern students

In my opinion, Northwestern students have a lot of interests in a variety of things and are always participating in a variety of activities and student groups. No matter you are a freshman or a senior, most people you meet at Northwestern are involved in 1 to 2 student groups on campus in addition to activities they have outside of Northwestern. Some of the activities will be related to the individuals' majors but some will be purely their hobbies and personal interests. For example, Northwestern has a lot of dance groups as well as culture groups such as Kaibigan, a Filipino American student group on campus. In addition, I found that most Northwestern students are really friendly and collaborative. During finals or midterms season, for instance, it is very common for students to study and review in a group. I personally learned a lot from my peers, sometimes even more so than learning from my professors. Everyone is really helpful. Many upperclassman are willing to help freshman. You will also find students always challenging themselves and pushing themselves to be the best. This also motivates me to move forward and challenge myself as a freshman.