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THE PLACES I'VE BEEN & OH, THE PLACES I'LL GO

a recap of the past year - what I did, where I went, what I saw - and where I'm headed next

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“and I think to myself, what a wonderful world.”

From sea to shining sea, I've been lucky enough to take in some of the most stunning sights during the past year.



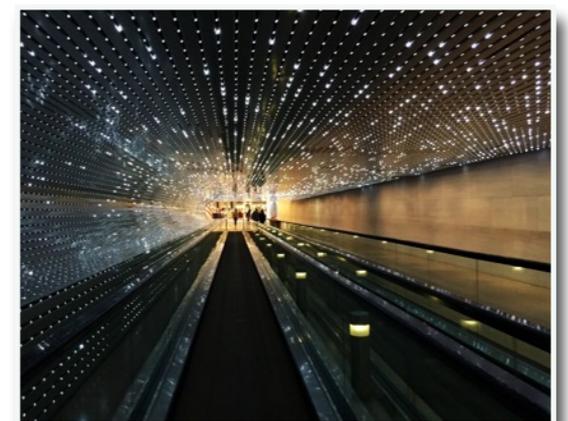
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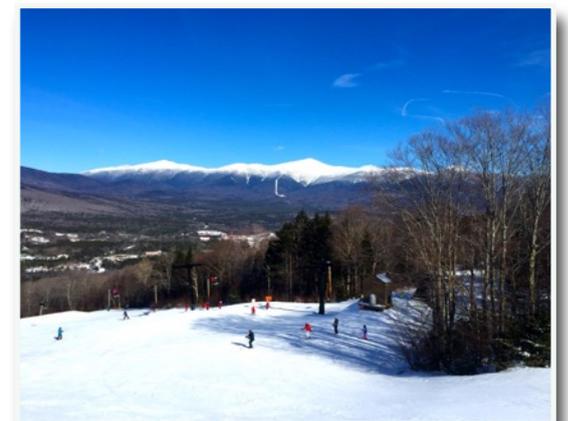
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Wellesley College gave me four of the most challenging, exciting, and blissful years yet. Its five hundred acres of wooded hills, brick and stone buildings, and Lake Waban made for a breathtaking environment during each of the four seasons, and the vibrant academic community allowed me to learn and grow with some of the most thoughtful, hard-working, and accomplished peers and faculty in the world. At Wellesley, I had the opportunity to discover and pursue many passions, including academics (computer science, economics & education), athletics (swimming & tennis), and extracurricular activities (HCI research, Robogals, help desk, and more).

“Wellesley will open doors for you. Walk through those doors and make your strides long and firm and sure.”
- *Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Wellesley Commencement 2015*





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“Sometimes I thought that it was very hard to put things together, but it’s actually quite easy.”
- 10 year old participant of a Girls in Action robotics workshop



climb mountains not so the world can see you, but so you can see the world.

I arrived in Cape Town, South Africa just ten days after receiving my diploma, funded by the Wellesley College Center for Work & Service’s Wellesley Serves! Grant and the U.S. Department of State’s Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship. It was a phenomenal experience to live and work in what can only be described as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. My passion for the intersection of technology and education aligned perfectly with the mission of ORT SA CAPE, which strives to offer educational enrichment to children and teachers in impoverished schools and communities through reading and robotics. During the 10 weeks, I facilitated robotics for over 400 children and helped train more than 60 teachers. I was fortunate to enjoy many new experiences and stunning sights, including Table Mountain, Robben Island, and Kirstenbosch Botanic Garden. In speaking with children, teachers, and other locals, I came to understand the complexity of racial, religious, and socioeconomic tensions, and I am more excited than ever to use my experiences and skills to fulfill Wellesley’s mission, “[Non Ministrari Sed Ministrare](#)” - not to be ministered unto, but to minister.





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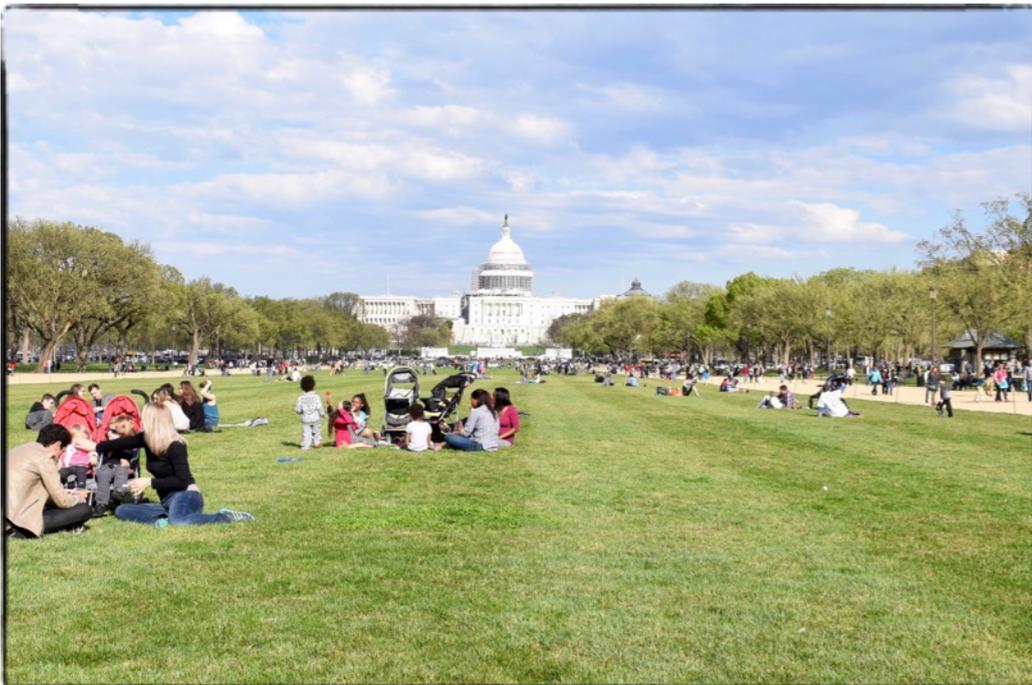
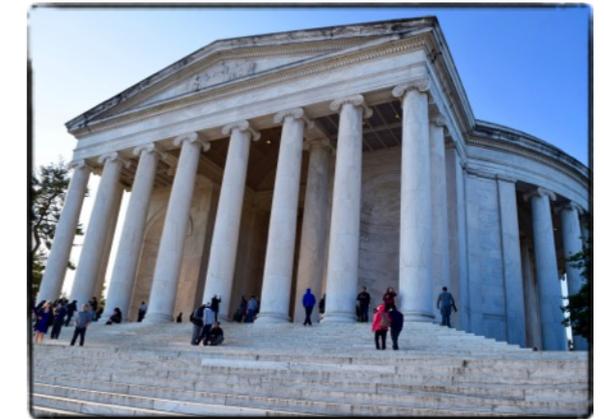
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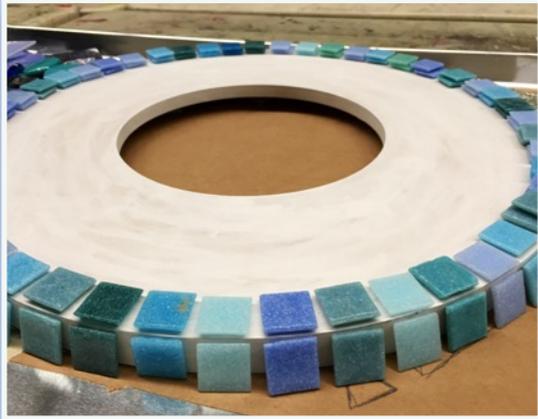


Washington, DC became my new home in October 2015 when I began a full-time role as a public sector consultant at IBM. It has been an interesting journey, to say the least. Finding my way around the 350,000+ person company was a learning experience of its own, and transitioning to the working world was a fascinating challenge. Fortunately, the flexible nature of my projects afforded me many opportunities. In addition to exploring all that the capitol city has to offer - the cherry blossoms were indescribably beautiful, and the sunrises were equally breathtaking - I also unleashed some creative energy through art classes in mosaics and ceramics (photos on next page). Over the past 6 months, I have made a diverse group of friends, gained many business insights, created a network of professional mentors, and conquered a new city. And I'm just about ready to move on.

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“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” - *Walt Disney*

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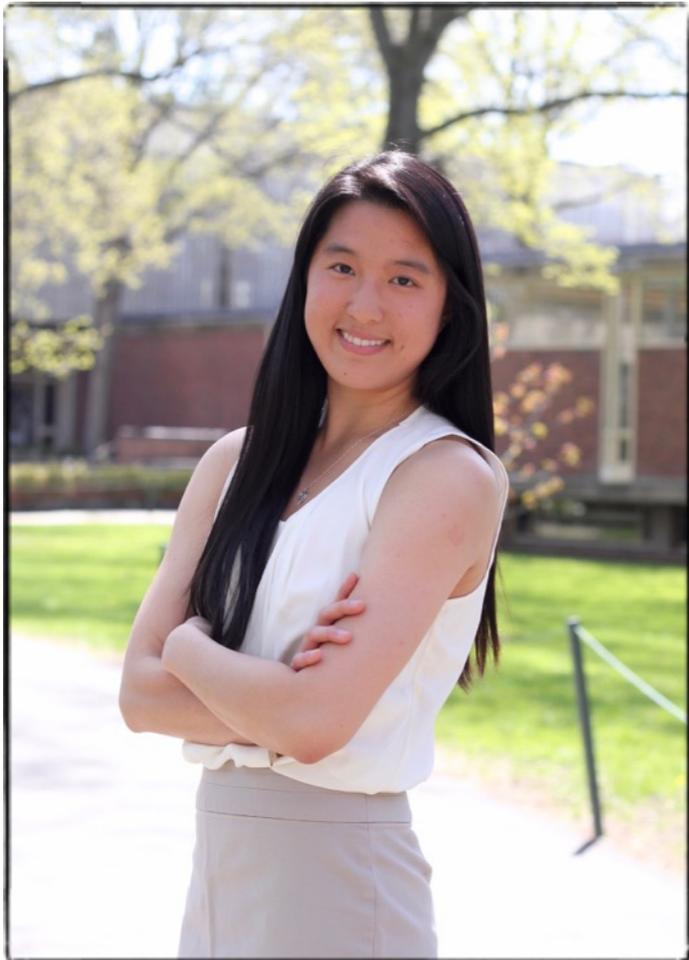
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WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN
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For the past seven years, since dropping Denis off at his orientation, Stanford has become a second home to me and my family. I was honored and humbled to receive my admission to the doctoral program at the Stanford Graduate School of Education to continue my studies of how technology can facilitate and enhance STEM education for young children. After weighing my options and considering a variety of factors, I came to the decision that Stanford is the best fit for me. I am truly thrilled about the opportunity to learn from and with world-class researchers... to conduct innovative research alongside bright and dedicated students... and to work on projects that can make the world a better place. And of course, although I'm torn about leaving Boston, I am delighted to return to the sunny state of California. [Nerd Nation, here I come.](#)



*to all of you - my family, friends, professors, mentors, colleagues, and other loved ones -
I would not be who I am, and where I am, without your continued love and support...*



THANK YOU

from the very bottom of my heart.

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Veronica Lin

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