

Carnegie Mellon carries a distinguished resume in all areas of academia, with Psychology being no exception. I've identified Carnegie Mellon as a school that interests me not only for this unique honor, but for the opportunities it provides its students.

As long as I can remember, people have interested me. The way one person smiles compared to another, how people react to a certain situation or how they interact with others, it's so many traits that I could never fit into a page. The human mind is one of our most valuable resources, but at the same time it's one of the ones we know the least about. Mental health is an urgent issue for our nation and deserves dedicated care and attention. At Carnegie Mellon, I see professors committed to that same goal of understanding the enigma of the human mind, through their curriculum, internships and research opportunities. I see a program with a history and commitment to excellence, which I have seen lead its alumni to promising careers in the mental health field. I believe that no one should feel alone in a struggle with mental health, as I've seen time and time again in the news and online of people of the same age as me succumbing to a perceived hopelessness, I always think, how could they have been helped? Through awareness and support this tragedy can be avoided and I believe with a degree from Carnegie Mellon I can begin to pursue a career in helping those in need of hope.

While Mental Health is an important issue to me, my ultimate career goal narrows down into the a more specific realm of Psychology. My main interest for a career for some time now has been that of Forensic Psychology. The art of entering the mind of those driven to violence by their own mind is an interesting phenomenon that if solved, could create a better world and help those suffering daily. Being at the historical forefront of cognitive science research, Carnegie Mellon has presented the opportunity of unprecedented, cumulative experience and knowledge of this ever changing field. The ability to gain graduate level experiences at the undergraduate level could prove vital to my future intellectual development. The various research and medical centers located in the Pittsburgh area provide even more to the already massive amount of resources Carnegie Mellon provides, with the addition of hands on real world experience. The dedicated staff combined with the invaluable resources that Carnegie Mellon have distinguished it from the rest of the country as a premier site of academic achievement and it would be my pleasure and honor to be a part of it. I also aim to become a part of Carnegie Mellon's successful Track and Field program. Competition is a large part of my life and has been integral to my personal success. The combination of academics and athletics has shaped my life to this point and I intend to preserve it. You have my sincere gratitude for taking the time to read this and my appreciation for your consideration for enrollment.