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Why Northwestern?

As a midwesterner at heart, I love the seasonality and scenery of Northwestern! Also, I find the resources and support at Northwestern unmatched and allow for a diverse and interdisciplinary approach to learning that I really value.

Favorite Spot on Campus:

Lakefill! Basic answer, but wow is it so pretty. Also there are some fun fossils hiding in rocks :)

Come to me for:

- the Earth
- Paleoclimate Research
- Resources from the Department of Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences
- Finding Research Groups
- Fossils

Why did you become a counselor?

The Bio&Chem Excel program taught me how to navigate college life, approach rigorous STEM courses, advocate for myself, and take advantage of the available resources. It provided me with tools to thrive at Northwestern, and I want to pass that on to the next cohort of students. Coming in as a freshman can be nerve wracking, and I want to give future students the same sense of community and support that I received, empowering them to make the most of their time at Northwestern.