



A Chance to Learn and Grow

STUDENT PROFILE

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The arrival of Yale’s acceptance letter brought several firsts for Stephanie Hickman TD ’19: she became the first person in her family to attend college and the first person from her high school in Haymarket, Virginia, to be admitted to Yale. And since arriving on campus in fall 2015, Stephanie has embraced all the new experiences the university has to offer.

As a freshman, Stephanie enrolled in CS50, Yale’s introductory computer science class, and discovered her passion for programming. She now serves as an assistant for the course, helping underclassmen with their problem sets and final projects. “I’ve been able to provide students with the same support I received when I was in the class, which has been a really great feeling,” she said.

Her favorite new endeavor is one she least expected: joining the ballroom dance team. Rehearsing with her partner, Tuna Uysal CC ’19, she’s discovered her natural ability on the dancefloor; they have even entered several competitions together. “It’s experiences like this – ones I never thought I would have – that have been amazing,” she said.

Looking to the future, Stephanie is aiming for an advanced degree in computer science and ultimately a career in management at a technology company. In the meantime, she’s taking full advantage of all the opportunities the university has to offer.

“With Yale’s generous financial aid package, I have the chance to learn and develop and grow beyond what I believed that I could,” Stephanie said. “This support has allowed me to dream further than I ever thought possible. Thank you!”

A robust financial aid program brings exceptional students like Stephanie to Yale, regardless of their financial circumstances. To learn more about ways to support these students, please visit giving.yale.edu or call 800.395.7646.