“I knew, while considering colleges, that I needed a competitive financial aid package,” says Brooklyn, NY, native Moss Weinstock ’15. “Now, I’m so grateful for the chance to be at Yale. The people here are wonderful to interact with, and since day one, the University has only impressed me.”

For Moss, an economics and mathematics major, inspiration takes myriad shapes—from microeconomics, to Latin poetry and philosophy, to local politics.

“Economics isn’t a dry subject purely concerned with profit and loss; to me, it’s a fascinating way of examining the choices that people make. I like to think of economics as a modern-day version of Cicero’s *On Duties*: rules for efficient yet fair ways of acting.

“Implausible as it might sound, my favorite class has to be a toss-up between Larry Samuelson’s Intermediate Microeconomics and Craig Wright’s Listening to Music,” says Moss. “Modeling human choice with numbers reveals how economics is scientifically rooted in the world around us. I like seeing patterns in behavior that match patterns in math. On the other hand, music can reach places inside you that other pursuits just can’t.”

Moss is looking forward to a chance to study abroad, most likely at the London School of Economics. After graduation, he hopes to creatively combine some of his various interests. “Even though I don’t yet have a definitive idea of what I want to do, I’d like to combine two of my passions to address important issues. I’ve always loved the challenge of solving problems.”

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