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Geographically speaking, where do you come from?

Los Angeles, CA

How did you become interested in Geography?

I took an introductory physical geography course at Cerritos College and have been hooked ever since.

Where are you studying Geography now? How is Geography there different than at Cerritos?

I am currently working towards my Master's Degree in Geography at Cal State Fullerton. The Geography department there has a vast selection of geography courses, and each course focuses on a specialty of Geography. The department there also gives you multiple opportunities to conduct your own research so that you can gain experience in the research field and present it at Geography conferences.

What type of Geography are you studying now? Do you have a specialty? Any research experience? If so, tell us about it.

I am studying Physical Geography and my specialty is climatology and dendrochronology. This summer I will be going on a research trip to Sequoia and Yosemite National Park to get core samples from trees in order to study their tree-rings. With that, I want to understand how much snowpack has fallen in those areas going back hundreds of years.

What would you tell a student at Cerritos College interested in potentially majoring in Geography?

If you are interested in how humans impact the Earth and how the Earth shapes the way we live, and would like to have a greater understanding of the physical and human world, then Geography is the major for you.

What do you hope to do professionally once you have your Geography degree?

I hope one day to teach Geography at a community college like Cerritos. I am also currently working for the City of Los Angeles in urban forestry looking for new locations in the city to plant more trees in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and heat.

