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Greetings from Middletown, Connecticut!

A year ago Wesleyan University announced **The Wesleyan University *Hamilton* Prize for Creativity**. The four-year full-tuition scholarship was established in honor of *Hamilton* writer, composer, and lyricist Lin-Manuel Miranda (Class of 2002) and director Thomas Kail (Class of 1999)—award-winning Wesleyan alumni who embody the University's spirit of boldness, creativity, and experimentation. Miranda and Kail served as honorary chairs of the Prize Selection Committee in May 2017. The inaugural winner is Audrey Pratt, Wesleyan Class of 2021, from Needham, Massachusetts. For more information about the selection process and Audrey's recognition, please see wesleyan.edu/hamiltonprize.

"I'm truly honored and excited that Wesleyan has created this prize," Miranda said. "Wesleyan nurtures creativity and encourages students to make connections across disciplines. I got my shot at Broadway thanks to the start I had as an artist in this environment, and I hope this prize will help other young writers to get their start."

Kail added: "Learning to tell a compelling story that will engage an audience is the hardest task for any writer, and I'm delighted that Wesleyan is recognizing and encouraging young people to persevere as writers."

PRIZE AMOUNT: The Wesleyan University *Hamilton* Prize for Creativity is a four-year full-tuition scholarship worth more than \$200,000 in total.

ELIGIBILITY: All incoming first-year students are eligible to apply for the prize, which will be awarded to the student whose work of creative written expression is judged to best reflect the originality, artistry, and dynamism embodied in Broadway's *Hamilton*. To qualify for the prize, the recipient must be accepted to and enroll full-time at Wesleyan University for the 2018–19 school year. Interested students can apply online at wesleyan.edu/admission.

DEADLINES: Completed applications must be received on or before January 1, 2018. The Prize Committee will notify the scholarship recipient no later than May 31, 2018.

I've enclosed a poster to share with your students, as well as Wesleyan's Class of 2021 Student Profile to give you a sense of the competition and expectations for admission to Wesleyan. In addition, you can learn more about the winner from the Class of 2021 at wesleyan.edu/hamiltonprize.

Alexander Hamilton was a young man determined to make his mark on the world. Throughout the musical, "I am not throwing away my shot" is his motto. I hope you'll encourage your students to take their shot at The Wesleyan University *Hamilton* Prize for Creativity.

All the best,

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QUICK FACTS: THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY *HAMILTON* PRIZE FOR CREATIVITY

WHAT IS THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY *HAMILTON* PRIZE FOR CREATIVITY?

The Wesleyan University *Hamilton* Prize for Creativity is a four-year full-tuition scholarship to be awarded annually to an incoming student whose work of creative written expression is judged to best reflect the originality, artistry, and dynamism embodied in Broadway's *Hamilton*. Winner of eleven 2016 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *Hamilton* tells the story of our country's youngest founding father: Alexander Hamilton, a brash young immigrant who changed the course of history. The scholarship was established in honor of *Hamilton* writer, composer, and lyricist Lin-Manuel Miranda '02 and director Thomas Kail '99—award-winning Wesleyan alumni who embody the University's spirit of boldness, creativity, and experimentation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE *HAMILTON* PRIZE? ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE?

WHAT ABOUT EARLY DECISION APPLICANTS?

All incoming first-year students at Wesleyan are eligible to apply for the *Hamilton* Prize, whether they apply through early decision or in the regular decision round.

DO I NEED TO APPLY TO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE *HAMILTON* PRIZE?

Yes. The *Hamilton* Prize will be awarded as a four-year full-tuition scholarship to an incoming first-year student. To be considered, you must apply to Wesleyan using the Common or Coalition Application. Interested students can apply to Wesleyan online at wesleyan.edu/admission.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE *HAMILTON* PRIZE?

In addition to a completed application for admission to Wesleyan, *Hamilton* Prize applicants must submit a single submission of an original work of creative written expression. Acceptable submissions include short fiction, poetry, slam poetry, and song lyrics, as well as excerpts from longer works of fiction, creative nonfiction, screenplays, or theatrical plays, and any other form of creative written expression. Specific details and submission guidelines can be found at wesleyan.edu/hamiltonprize.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE *HAMILTON* PRIZE?

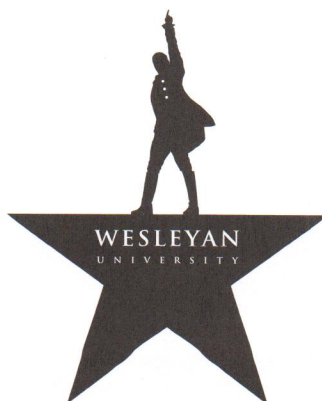
Regardless of the Wesleyan application round to which you apply (early decision I/II or regular admission), completed applications for the *Hamilton* Prize must be received on or before January 1, 2018.

SHOULD I STILL APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID IF I APPLY FOR THE *HAMILTON* PRIZE?

Wesleyan University is committed to meeting the full demonstrated need of all admitted students. We strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid in addition to the *Hamilton* Prize if you know you will need financial assistance. For details on applying for need-based aid, visit wesleyan.edu/finaid.

IS THE *HAMILTON* PRIZE OPEN ONLY TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID?

No. All incoming first-year students are eligible to be considered for the *Hamilton* Prize, regardless of financial need. For details on how to apply for need-based aid, visit wesleyan.edu/finaid.



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CLASS of 2021

Profile of Students Offered Admission for Fall 2017

It is not possible to fully convey the individual strengths and differences among students selected for Wesleyan in a statistical profile. What we hope to suggest with these facts is what we value in the admission process. No specific high school program is prescribed for admission, but admitted students have taken advantage of the specific curricular offerings of their high school to get the most out of their education, whether through AP courses, International Baccalaureate Diploma, local college courses, or simply the most challenging teachers. Their curiosity and love of learning travel with them. Rank in Class and ACT or SAT I & II are generally quite strong, but more telling in our assessment are the rigor of academic program and teacher recommendations. The admitted students are diverse in nationality, region, first language, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status. The variety of talents and commitments to school groups, civic and religious organizations, politics, and the arts makes successful candidates more likely to contribute to the life of this vibrant community called Wesleyan.

12,453 Applications Received

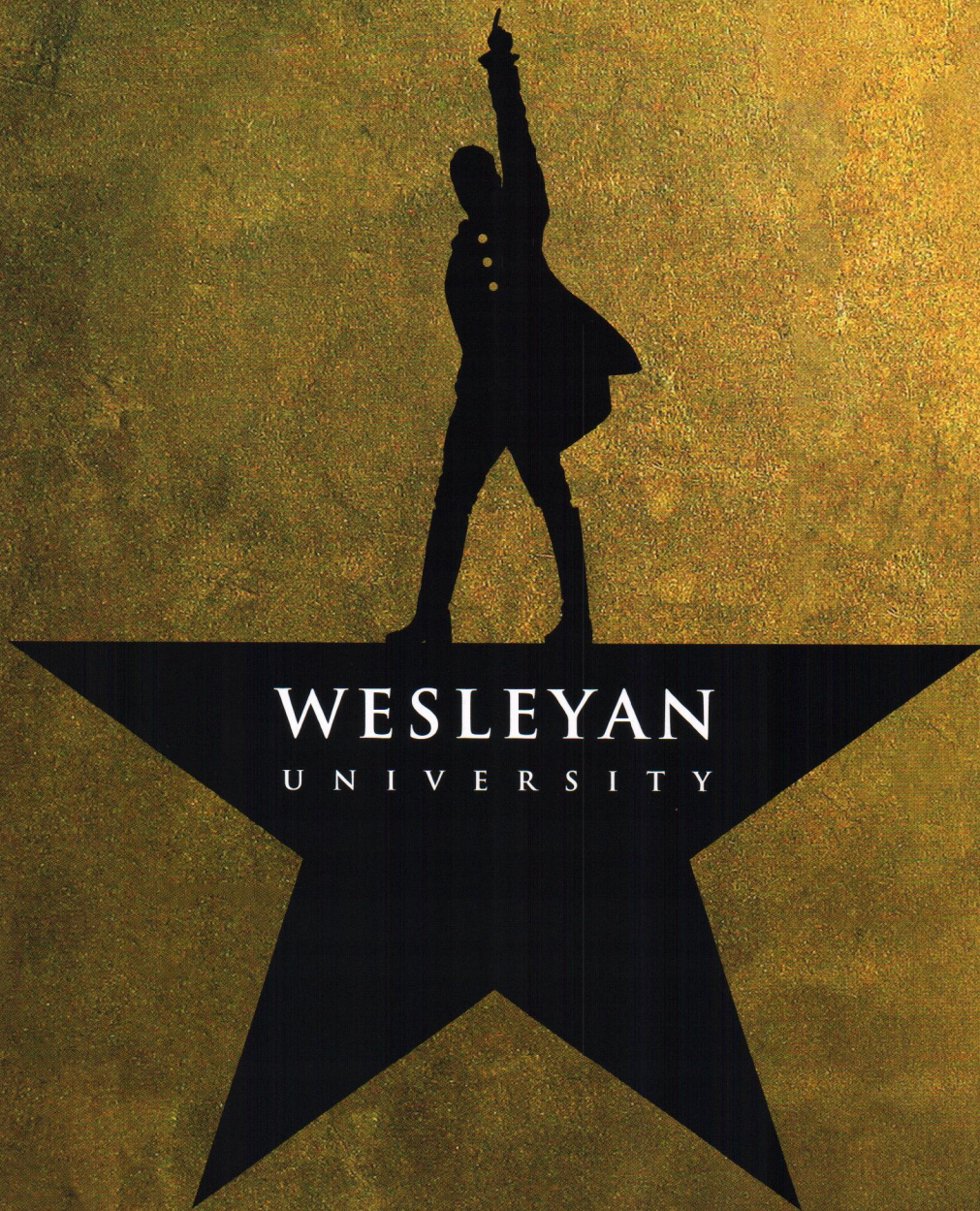
2,014 Admitted (16.2%)

- Class size: 775
- 45% of admits are male, 55% female
- 84% of admits in 2017 live outside New England; 16% live in 70 other countries including Argentina, Cyprus, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Macedonia, Myanmar, Poland, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, UAE, Uganda, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe
- English is a second language for 16% of the admitted students
- 266 international students admitted (13% of all admits)
- 38% of the admits are students of color (not including international)
- 15% of admits are the first generation in family to attend college
- 12% of admits have a Wesleyan alumni/student relative
- 52% of admits applied for need-based aid (Wesleyan meets full demonstrated need for all those admitted)
- 1,133 applied in Early Decision (9% of applicants) and 400 were admitted (20% of admission offers)
- 15 admitted/enrolled QuestBridge Match Scholars and 9 Veterans in Wesleyan's fourth Posse
- HS Preparation:
 - 90% have taken calculus
 - 84% have taken biology, chemistry, and physics
 - 82% have a fourth year (or equivalent) of one foreign language

ACT and SAT Scores	ACT Comp	SAT ERW	SAT M
Admit 75th %ile:	34	770	790
Admit Median:	33	750	760
Admit 25th %ile:	32	720	720

76% of admits asked to have test scores considered in the admission process

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