Welcome to Georgetown!

Hi! My name is Richie Bertrand and I am McDonough Peer Ambassador Captain.

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Interesting Fact about Me: I grew up a Villanova Wildcat fan throughout my entire childhood. Therefore, I rooted against Georgetown in every sport until the day I received my acceptance letter. Since that remarkable March afternoon I have pledged my allegiance to Georgetown and have forgotten how naive I was in the past.

What made you choose Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business? The McDonough School of Business emphasizes a balance between business education and a liberal arts education in order to create a well-rounded and more polished Hoya upon graduation. The growth of your character while McDonough allows you to develop strong connections and networks both inside and outside the Hoya domain that you can take to the corporate world and beyond.

What are the best things about being a Hoya? Everyone here is proud to represent the Hoya name although it may take one a bit of time to know what a Hoya actually is. The school spirit is certainly present and come basketball season it is indescribable.

Why do you love D.C.? I love D.C. because there is nothing not to love about it: an abundance of history, scenic routes along the Potomac, M-Street, and a perfect balance of seasonal change.

Share a defining and/or transformative classroom/educational moment? During my first semester, I took International Relations. IR was a course I had never studied before and which I found very interesting. Taking a government course in the heart of the Nation’s capital was a defining experience that opened my eyes to the world in which I live.

What is your advice to incoming Hoyas? Join, join, and join some more! Don’t be afraid to become a member of more than one club or organization while here at Georgetown. Although there are many students here, finding your niche may not come as easily as you may think. Become a member of something that appeals to your tastes; chances are you will make several friends that share many similarities to yourself!