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Activities:

- Princeton Racing Electric Team Treasurer
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- Year Round tutor work at Princeton



Receiving a Wings Over America Scholarship allows me to focus on the things I am passionate about outside of the classroom. This scholarship helps significantly reduce the amount of time I need to spend working to pay tuition and will allow me to continue with my main extra-curricular activities. Primarily, I am excited to be able to dedicate more time to my volunteer program, El Centro, through which we teach English to recent immigrants in Trenton. The Wings Over America Scholarship means that I can spend time expanding the program as a project leader. Additionally, as I was recently named Co-President of the newly founded Princeton Chapter of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, I can now dedicate more time and energy into establishing our chapter. We hope to foster a tight community of Hispanic Engineering students on campus, and provide necessary professional and networking resources to many of our first-generation college students. I am so thankful for the Wings Over America Scholarship for enabling me to pursue these activities outside of the classroom.