I’m excited to introduce you to the Carnegie Mellon campus and community. I’m a senior mechanical engineering major, with a robotics and computer science minor. I can’t wait to fill you in on some exciting aspects of Carnegie Mellon that you’d only find out by being a student here.

I’ll take you on a tour of the campus and point out the academic buildings, the main library, the University Center, a few residence halls and much more. Alright, let’s get started!
YOUR TOUR STARTS HERE:

Warner Hall
Inside you’ll find the administrative offices of Carnegie Mellon, including the Office of Admission, Enrollment Services – the HUB, the Office of International Education and the President’s Office.

Purnell Center for the Arts
This building was almost entirely funded by Drama alumni. It houses the School of Drama and features state-of-the-art performance and education facilities, including The Chosky Theatre, a 450-seat proscenium theater, a studio theater, a three-camera soundstage, four design studios, a scene shop, a costume shop, dance and movement studios, faculty offices and a multitude of classrooms. Purnell also contains the new Miller Gallery, a joint venture between the College of Fine Arts Dean’s Office and the School of Art. The School of Drama is the oldest degree-granting program in the country.
In the early days of Carnegie Tech, there was a single bridge, which connected Margaret Morrison Women’s College with the Carnegie Institute of Technology. This bridge was a meeting place for students. In 1916, the bridge was taken down when the university filled in the area. The senior class of 1923 put up a wooden fence to be the new meeting place. The administration tried to tear it down, but some fraternity brothers painted it as a prank to advertise a fraternity party. Ever since, painting the Fence has been a Carnegie Mellon tradition. The Fence must be painted between midnight and 6 a.m., in its entirety, using only paintbrushes. And, if you don’t want your message to be painted over, the Fence has to be guarded around the clock. The original wooden fence was in the Guinness Book of World Records as the “most painted object in the world.” In 1993, it collapsed under its own weight and was replaced with the concrete fence we see today.

The Cut

is the grassy area between Warner Hall and the University Center. If the sun’s out, students are likely to be playing Ultimate Frisbee nearby. Carnegie Mellon typically hosts a concert every year on the Cut, for example, the Clarks, Blues Traveler and the Shins have performed here. Student Activities also holds end-of-the-year celebrations on the Cut.

Check out the Fence
Newell-Simon Hall

As you walk past the Purnell Center, look to the right and you will see the green roof of Newell-Simon Hall. Newell-Simon houses offices, meeting facilities and project labs for faculty and staff in the School of Computer Science, including the Human-Computer Interaction Institute, The Robotics Institute and the Language Technology Institute. There is also an auditorium and food court inside, as well as a unique robotic receptionist named Tank, who can answer all of your questions. The bridge connects the building to the fourth floor of Wean Hall, home to the majority of the School of Computer Science.

Doherty Hall

is the first of the buildings at Carnegie Mellon forming a U-shape around the grassy area known as “the Mall.” Doherty Hall houses the Department of Chemical Engineering, chemistry classrooms, offices, new state-of-the-art science labs and studios for architecture and art. It also boasts the university’s largest lecture hall.

NEXT STOP:
MAKE A RIGHT AND
HEAD DOWN THE WALKWAY
TO WEAN HALL
Wean Hall is home to many of the world’s most prominent computer scientists and researchers. In addition to Computer Science, Wean Hall also houses the departments of Mathematics, Physics, Materials Science and the Engineering and Science Library.

Hamerschlag Hall is home to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and laboratories for the Department of Mechanical Engineering. It also contains engineering classrooms and a “clean room,” which was originally a room where coal was burned to fuel the energy needs of the campus. At that time, shoveling coal was a freshman responsibility required for graduation. This room, once the dirtiest on campus, is now the cleanest room being 97 – 99% dust- and dirt-free where computer chips and parts are assembled. This is part of the nationally noted Magnetic Technology Center. The building was renamed in 1965 for Arthur A. Hamerschlag, first president of Carnegie Institute of Technology.

NEXT STOP:
A SHORT WALK DOWN THE STEPS BESIDE HAMERSCHLAG LEADS YOU TO SCAIFE HALL
Scaife Hall is often called the “Potato Chip” because of its disc-like roof. It contains the administrative offices of the Carnegie Institute of Technology and Mellon College of Science, as well as the Department of Mechanical Engineering. On the roof is an observatory containing the telescope used by the Astronomy Club.

**NEXT STOP:**

HEAD BACK UP THE STAIRS TO THE MALL OR WALK ALONG FREW STREET TO PORTER HALL

Frew Street might not be a happening place during your visit, but during Spring Carnival, it is home to all the action of Carnegie Mellon’s super-paced soap box derby also known as Buggy. Students spend all year preparing these small torpedo-shaped buggies that fit a tiny driver inside. A team of five “pushers” race the buggies around the park to the finish line at the top of Frew Street.
Baker Hall is the oldest building on campus, completed in 1906. Its long sloping hallway permitted easy transfer of heavy machinery to and from laboratories and workshops. Porter Hall houses the Department of Civil Engineering, the Department of Social and Decision Sciences and parts of the Electrical and Computer Engineering, Design and History departments.

NEXT STOP:
AN UPHILL CLimb TAKES YOU TO ADJOINING BAKER HALL

Baker Hall is the home of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, which includes the departments of Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Social and Decision Sciences, Statistics and Modern Languages. It also contains the Department of Engineering and Public Policy. It was one of the original buildings designed by Henry Hornbostel for Carnegie Tech. Legend has it that the building was designed with a sloped hallway, so that if the school wasn’t a success—the building could be converted into a factory with a gravity-operated assembly line.
Hunt Library is located at the end of the Cut. It houses more than 600,000 volumes and is the largest library on campus. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arthur Hunt, benefactors of the building, requested that nothing be built between the library and Forbes Avenue until after the year 2010.

The Hunt Library, the Engineering & Science Library and the Mellon Institute Library contain more than one million books and 3,143 print journal subscriptions. In addition, online resource sharing and reciprocal borrowing arrangements with other universities provide unlimited library resources. Behind Hunt Library you will find Flagstaff Hill of Schenley Park. The hill gives a great view of Oakland and is perfect for sledding in the winter!
College of Fine Arts

College of Fine Arts (CFA) is one of the most beautiful buildings on campus. Inside, you can find plans of world-famous buildings inlaid into the floor. The lobby floor displays plans for St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, while the ceiling features paintings and other great contributions and contributors to the world of art. CFA houses Carnegie Mellon’s well-known programs in architecture, art and music.

The Posner Center

houses the Posner Collection of rare and fine books. The collection contains finely bound books and important historical documents, including one of only four extant copies of the first printing of the Bill of Rights. The facility is mostly underground with a rooftop garden and sculpture court. The main entranceway faces Margaret Morrison Carnegie Hall and the tennis courts.
Skibo Gymnasium

is better known as the “old gym,” having been around since 1924, and contains basketball and racquetball courts, exercise equipment, a weight room and fencing facilities, plus the offices of the Athletic Department and intramurals.

Carnegie Mellon men and women compete at the NCAA’s Division III level. There are 17 varsity sports including football, basketball, track and field, cross country, swimming, soccer, tennis, golf and volleyball. Students can also compete in sports at the club and intramural levels. Eighty percent of all students take part in a club or intramural sport before they graduate.

NEXT STOP:
FURTHER DOWN TECH STREET
YOU’LL FIND MARGARET MORRISON
CARNegie HALL
Margaret Morrison Carnegie Hall

was named for Andrew Carnegie’s mother and originally housed a vocational school for women in 1907. Today, it is home to classrooms, studios and labs for the Schools of Architecture, Design, Drama and Music, as well as the Carnegie Mellon Children’s School. Scenes from the movies “Flashdance” and “Creepshow” were filmed inside Margaret Morrison. Notice the spectacular rotunda that was recently refurbished.

**N E X T  S T O P:**

EXIT MARGARET MORRISON
TOWARD GESLING STADIUM TO
ENTER THE UNIVERSITY CENTER
The University Center

is home to virtually every area of the university’s social and recreational opportunities. Inside you’ll find the Dining Gallery, conference rooms, ballrooms, study lounges, a coffeehouse, Entropy (our on-campus convenience store), and the bookstore. It also holds athletic facilities which include basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball and squash courts, a pool and diving well, an aerobics room, Cybex strength-training equipment and exercise equipment. In addition, student organizations, including the school’s newspaper and yearbook staffs, and other groups have office space on the third floor. In the basement you can find the University Postal Services, the Career Center, WRCT—Carnegie Mellon’s radio station, and the Scotland Yard game room.

“Walking to the Sky” is a 100-foot-tall, seven-ton sculpture created by internationally renowned alumnus Jonathan Borofsky (A’64). The sculpture is a gift from Carnegie Mellon Trustee Jill Gansman Kraus (A’74) and her husband, Peter Kraus, of New York City. The artist says the sculpture is “a celebration of the human potential for discovering who we are and where we need to go.”
The Information Desk in the University Center maintains information about events happening on and around campus. If you’re staying overnight, call to see what’s going on (412-268-2107). Brochures and bus schedules are also available. Check out the Innovators with Impact exhibit near the Information Desk, highlighting the university’s many award-winning alumni, faculty and students – from Nobel Laureates and Rhodes Scholars to Academy Award winners.

What else?

Look for the “trucks” on campus (near the sorority houses on Margaret Morrison Street) for fresh ethnic foods. The trucks are open on weekdays during lunch and dinner. Students love the trucks because they’re cheap and tasty!

Housing Info

There are many housing options for undergraduates living on campus. Housing Services’ living arrangements include traditional single-gender residence halls, co-educational residence halls, suites, apartments, houses, and fraternity and sorority living. Housing Services provides each student a bed, desk with chair, bookshelf, dresser and closet or wardrobe. There are two types of rooms on campus: prime, which includes a bathroom either in the room or between two rooms, and a standard, in which the bathroom is in the hall and shared by multiple rooms. You can’t enter the residence halls without a current student ID card, but be sure to note where they are on campus.

Donner is primarily a freshman hall of standard rooms, most of which have three windows. The building has a television lounge, study lounge and recreation area. Laundry facilities and a kitchen are also in the building.

Resnik and West Wing were built in 1990, along with Gesling Stadium and the parking garage. They house upperclass students in prime and suite-style rooms complete with air-conditioning.
Morewood Gardens is a unique housing complex divided into towers, with E-tower exclusively serving first-year students. Morewood Gardens is also home to Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, and Housing Services.

New House is a “green” traditional first-year residence hall. It is a certified energy efficient building and environmentally friendly. Each room is equipped with its own air-conditioning and heating controls. The building’s main floor includes large reading and study rooms, a recreation area, a kitchen and private dining room, vending and laundry, and a fitness room.

Mudge House is a mansion originally built by the Mudge family of Pittsburgh. After its donation to the university, the two upper floors were converted to student rooms. The large living, dining and parlor rooms of the first floor were converted into a spacious lounge, a quiet study area and a television room. Mudge House now has two additional residence wings that overlook a garden courtyard and fountain.

Eleven of the University’s fraternity houses are located in the “Quad” on the corner of Forbes Avenue and Morewood Avenue. Each houses approximately 30 students. In the Quad among the fraternity houses is the co-ed Forbes House, where select first-year students reside and participate in ongoing service projects within the campus or local community.
As most students will tell you, not all of your time will be spent on campus. So, if time permits, take a look around town. Three neighborhoods surround the Carnegie Mellon campus. Most neighborhoods in Pittsburgh offer an array of restaurants and cafés for a wide range of tastes. Below are directions to the primary restaurant and retail areas of Oakland, Shadyside and Squirrel Hill.

**Oakland**
Head west on Forbes Avenue (toward downtown Pittsburgh). Turn right on S. Craig Street for a strip of shops and a variety of restaurants. Or, continue heading west on Forbes and find an array of shops in the “heart” of Oakland. Caution: Forbes becomes a one-way street if you choose to drive.

**Squirrel Hill**
Head east on Forbes Avenue away from downtown Pittsburgh. Turn right on Murray Avenue. At this point, both Forbes and Murray are lined with shops, bakeries, restaurants and theaters.

**Shadyside**
Head north on Morewood Avenue from Forbes Avenue. Turn right on Fifth Avenue at the first light. Continue heading east on Fifth until you reach the light at S. Aiken Avenue. Turn left on S. Aiken and head north. Finally, turn right on Walnut Street to find a row of popular shops and restaurants.

### Local Hotels
Many local hotels provide shuttle service. Don’t forget to ask for special Carnegie Mellon rates!

- **Courtyard Marriott**
  5308 Liberty Avenue
  1-800-321-2211

- **Hampton Inn**
  3315 Hamlet Street
  1-800-426-7866

- **Holiday Inn—University Center**
  100 Lytton Avenue
  1-800-864-8287

- **The Shadyside Inn**
  5405 Fifth Avenue
  412-682-2300

- **Residence Inn by Marriott**
  3896 Bigelow Boulevard
  1-800-331-3131

- **Wyndham Garden Hotel**
  3454 Forbes Avenue
  412-683-2040
I’m sure you still have questions about the major you’re interested in, student activities, dining, residence life and more.

We offer a number of other opportunities for prospective students to get to know Carnegie Mellon better. Consider attending an information session on campus or in a city near you. Interview with an admission counselor or alumni representative, or attend a Sleeping Bag Weekend during your senior year. We also offer online chats with current students.

Be sure to visit <www.cmu.edu/admission> for more information about these events or to get answers to any questions you may still have. You can also call 412-268-2082 to speak to an admission counselor.

Take care!