



Yi Wang

High school: Harbin NO.3 High School

Hometown: Harbin, China

Majors: B.S. Biology

Activities: Teatime, Bowling, Tours with IPS to Lancaster Region

Internships: Field trips for certain classes: Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, forest stream (Conestoga River), Conowingo Dam, Turkey Hill Conservancy.

Post-grad plans: My post-graduation plan at this time is to pursue an MS in the field of Biotechnology or Biomedical Engineering. I would like to focus my studies on the development of medical devices, and biotechnologies to benefit patient care. Ultimately, my goal is to use my education to pursue a career in the medical device or biotechnology industry and make meaningful contributions to the betterment of patient care.



“Yi and I have had a great time in many courses together as we share similar interests. Our first experience together was during Cell and Developmental Biology and most recently in Medical Microbiology and a senior seminar on the COVID-19 Pandemic. In these courses, Yi has grown immensely as a critical thinker and feels more comfortable communicating and working with individuals from different cultures and backgrounds. I anticipate Yi will look back at her education at Millersville and experiences in the USA as a time where she prepared herself for a career in the biomedical sciences and grew as a person.”

– Dr. Eric Ryndock, Assistant Professor,
Department of Biology

Why Millersville?

I chose Millersville because it has a quality education and offers a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities. With its convenient location near major cities, Millersville makes it easy for students to take advantage of internships and other career-oriented experiences. Additionally, Millersville's campus is full of diverse student organizations and clubs, allowing students to get involved in the community, make friends, and explore their interests. Finally, Millersville is highly regarded for its excellent faculty and staff, who are committed to providing students with a quality education and positive college experience.

Are you where you thought you'd be when you first came to campus?

These two years at Millersville gave me the most valuable experience of my life. I have gained incredible friendships and invaluable professional experiences here that will be irreplaceable in my future life and career. The wonderful memories and experiences I have had at Millersville are far beyond what I could have imagined when I first came to campus. The experience of studying in Millersville also made me determined to continue studying abroad in the future, because what I gained in this wonderful place is not only a bachelor's degree but also a broader perspective.

Who helped you get to where you are now?

There are so many people who helped me, but the first ones I think of are my parents, who gave me tremendous support in my life and in my studies. My parents were always there to encourage me and provide me with the resources I needed to stay on track. Also, my awesome professors and mentors also played a huge role in helping me reach my goals. They gave me advice, provided guidance, and gave me the confidence to take on challenging tasks. Additionally, my friends were always there to provide me with a listening ear and support me during the tough times. Finally, thanks to the nice staff at IPS who helped me a lot when I first came to Millersville, it made me adjust to the campus quickly.

Peak experience?

For me, the peak experiences during Millersville were moments of personal growth or development, such as designing and completing major projects in class with my classmates, attending colloquia, etc. All of these experiences set the stage for my future career path.

What surprised you?

I was surprised at how welcoming and helpful the professors and other staff were at Millersville. Everyone I interacted with was very friendly and willing to go out of their way to help me out. The professors at Millersville are super friendly and accommodating. They were always willing to answer questions and provide guidance when needed. They truly cared about the success of their students and went out of their way to ensure that we were getting the best education possible. The student body was filled with kind, generous, and hardworking people who were always willing to help each other out. I was also surprised and excited by the variety of extracurricular activities that were available to me, from clubs to volunteer opportunities, and how much I was able to explore my passions and interests.

Which one(s) of the EPPIIC values of Millersville do you most identify with? Or which of the values do you think best describes your time here at Millersville?

I would have to say that the values that I identify with the most are inclusion and professionalism. Throughout my time at Millersville, I have seen a strong emphasis on creating an inclusive and diverse environment for all students, regardless of their background. This has been especially important to me, as I have felt welcomed and accepted by faculty and fellow students alike. For professionalism, there are so many knowledgeable and experienced professors at Millersville. They all had a wealth of knowledge and experience that they were willing to share with their students. I feel that these values of Millersville have allowed me to grow both academically and personally, and I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given.

What will you miss the most?

I will miss the wonderful people here and the relationships I have developed with my professors, classmates, and friends. During my time at Millersville, I have made many strong connections and friendships that I know will last a lifetime. I will also miss the campus atmosphere, the support of the faculty and staff, and the overall sense of community that Millersville has provided.

Advice for the Class of 2027?

1. Take advantage of the resources available to you. Take full advantage of tutoring, library resources, and other resources that can help you succeed.
2. Get involved on campus. Becoming involved in clubs, organizations, and extracurricular activities is a great way to make new friends and develop connections.
3. Network, network, network! Connecting with people in your field is essential for career success.
4. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of strength.
5. Remember to enjoy your time at Millersville!!! This is the most important thing because you will find that you will gain much more than one or more degrees.

