

What got you interested in your essay topic?

This topic is very near and dear to my heart. My older brother has been disabled for almost as long as I can remember, so I grew up witnessing the struggles and injustices he had to endure. I felt inspired to write about one of the many challenges people with disabilities face, hoping to inform people and possibly motivate them to change their stereotypical views of the disabled.

What's the best / most surprising discovery you made about this topic while working on your essay?

Learning about the unique experiences people with different disabilities have was the best discovery I made while researching this topic. I only really knew my brother's perspective on disabled life, so it was fascinating to learn about the disabled experience through multiple viewpoints.

What's a tip you can give first-year Otis students to help them make their writing/their time in WITDA as successful as possible?

Do not procrastinate on your work, and don't be shy to ask your faculty and peers for help! It is always nice to finish assignments early because it can allow more time to get feedback from your teachers and fellow students, which personally helped me write a well-crafted essay that I was proud of.