

# My Philosophy

Performing is what makes me happy. No, the emotions people are getting from my performance - here it is! My whole life I am performing in front of a big audience. Performing as a Division 1 volleyball athlete, singing traditional Russian folk songs on the stage, and taking part in the White Denison competition to show my public speaking skills are all things I am passionate about. Wait a second, did I even tell you who I am?

I am originally from Saint-Petersburg, Russia. No, we don't walk with the bears on the streets, but it is quite cold in the wintertime. I am the first person in my family who went to the US. How did I get here will you ask? I performed all my best! Being the captain of the Russian Youth National Team led me to play volleyball on the Syracuse court! Not the least thing to say, my two majors are Communication & Rhetorical Studies and Linguistics Studies. I am fluent in English and Russian and really trying to pick up some Spanish. I love languages: they are allowing me to perform worldwide! Now you probably understand where the concept of my "performance" comes from, this is my specialization. Being a middle schooler, you couldn't stop Polina from raising her hand and nervously wanting to be in front of the whole class to share her story/knowledge. Poems were her favorites! Adding to that, I was carrying my singing talent through the years by performing in the traditional Russian folk ensemble.

Diversity is definitely something else that I am bringing to this world. Being an international student-athlete means being a very open-minded and multifaceted person. My diverse cultural background helps me to understand people better. Also, the 17 countries I have visited besides the US opened my eyes to how different and unique our world is! It's my passion to learn new things and to have these new experiences.

Lastly, one of my dreams was always to work in the cartoon/movie industry. Voice acting is something magical but at the same time so intriguing that I would love to try myself in this field. Can you imagine being the next Elsa from “Frozen”? Or another job in this industry would be to translate American movies to Russian or the other way around! Am I correct that watching movies with my translation will make people happy? Absolutely!

*Let's perform!*