



Senior Spotlight: Richard W.

I have lived in Grand Cayman for almost my entire life, I was born in Cayman and have spent all my life, save 4 months after hurricane Ivan when I lived in Curacao, on this island. My family has its roots in Costa Rica, Curacao, and the Netherlands. This year will mark my third year at CIS. I would say that my best personality trait is that I can be very passionate about what I believe in. One interesting thing about me that people might not know is that one of my ancestors was a freed slave who opened the first apothecary in Suriname.

The greatest crisis we face as a world today is climate change. The reason for this is because as the polar ice caps melt, the islands of the Caribbean, the coasts of America and Europe will be severely affected. Climate change doesn't only affect one group of people, it affects all of us. While I find it quite difficult to specify only one singular movie as a favorite, if I had to choose one single movie it would probably be Vittorio De Sica's *Ladri di biciclette* (Bicycle Thieves). This movie is a darling of the post-war Italian Neorealism movement, a must-see for anyone interested in a slice of life drama. To me, my favorite place on earth would have to be somewhere historical, somewhere beautiful, a place where the food culture reigns supreme, a place of life, of culture, of importance. My favorite city is Rome because the city landscapes offer a whole new aspect of beauty as you can admire the fact that you can be standing right in front of ruins that date back to the era of Caesar and you can admire that fact while going to visit the masters of the art. The food culture of Rome itself is also worthy of commendation with what can only be described as the pinnacle of gastronomy. Rome itself is bustling with culture, the city remains unique and is perhaps my favorite place in the world.

My dream job would be working for an international organization like the European Commission or the United Nations. This is my dream job since I really like representing a cause greater than myself, and the idea of international collaboration for a common goal is really appealing to me and can lead to a greater



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understanding of different cultures. In addition, working internationally for a common goal can also lead to greater change worldwide, like climate change action, that might be lacking in normal local government.