

My name is Luiz Alcantara, but most people at Washburn know me as Louie! I am from a city called Joao Pessoa, in the northeast coast of Brazil. I came to Kansas for the first time as an exchange student during my senior year of high school. I was placed in a small town in southwest Kansas called Minneola (population of about 800 – yeah... pretty small); there I had contact with American culture for the first time, and it was also where I was introduced to Washburn University.

I started at Washburn in the Fall of 2019 (yes... before COVID!!). I am now in my fifth year, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sociology. At Washburn I have been able to make a lot of friends and build my own family away from home. I have also had the opportunity to make connections with great professional and mentors, especially with my professors and the people I work with.

Here are some things I am involved with on campus: Presidential Ambassadors for International Students (PAIS); Resident Assistant (RA) in the residence halls; president of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity; First Year Experience office as a Peer Educator (if you're lucky, you'll have me in your class!); Student Orientation Counselor (see ya at orientation!); Psi Chi/Psychology Club; Student Ambassadors; and I am or have been involved with many other activities on campus throughout the four years I've been here, so if you're looking into getting involved don't hesitate to reach out!