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Brian Keehn

“Dubai is home of the biggest... well, everything. Towers, festivals, cars, Dubai knows how to do 'big.' The festival is the largest in the world, and that is going to be absolutely awesome!”

Brian Keehn, a senior Wentworth grant recipient from Horsham, Pennsylvania can barely control his excitement over his upcoming trip to Dubai. A huge adventure sport junkie, Brian cannot wait to surf the automated, one of Dubai’s most popular attractions. He lives for the adrenaline rush that comes with surfing, skating, skiing, mountain biking, skydiving, and even MMA fighting on occasion.

While in Dubai, Brian will be studying Middle Eastern writing. He will attend a massive literary festival with many prominent authors from all over the world. He hopes that he will be able to see the author Jean Sasson, who wrote his favorite piece of Middle Eastern literature Princess. Another motive for choosing Dubai is the rich culture of the region. One day, Brian aspires to work for the FBI and he wants to become as culturally familiar and immersed as possible.

Brian hopes to attend law school upon graduation. Much of his time is spent working. He currently spends over fifteen hours a week interning with Brunswick County District Attorney’s office. Making connections is key to his future and he tries to do this wherever possible. Everything that Brian does now is to prepare for his future.

Brian is in love with UNC Wilmington. It is the perfect location of a school for his love of the beach and huge interesting adventure sports. He enjoys filming and making videos of his activities, especially surfing. Brian is a very hard worker and takes his jobs very seriously. For a time he was a bartender and Nikki’s Sushi. He also works with Ocean Rescue for Carolina Beach, which fits in with his love of outdoor, adrenaline-pumping activities.

Upon his graduation, Brian still doesn’t have any plans firmed up. It is fairly certain, however, that all of his hard work and love of sport will lead him far.