Manijeh Razeghi is the Walter P. Murphy Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and director of the Center for Quantum Devices. She has received the Society of Women Engineers Achievement Award. "Whom do you most admire? My genius students. What inspires you most? The mystery of our own human minds and bodies and the whole of nature surrounding us. Which talent would you most like to have? To be a good teacher, leader and role model for young women. What character trait do you admire most in others? I admire people with principles who are eager and curious to understand science. Which character trait do you dislike most in others? I dislike dishonest and selfish people, especially professors who choose this career in order to have a job rather than for a love of teaching. What is your favorite local hangout? My lab and my office when I have graduates, undergraduates, and visiting scientists discussing new ideas. If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing? I would be a doctor of medicine.

Anthony Mallis (WCAS 98) is majoring in computing and information systems and mathematics. The Evanston native's current project is the creation of a 1-watt, 8-micron, room-temperature, continuous-wave quantum cascade laser. "What inspires you most? Projects and ideas that are not easy but incredibly exciting and novel. Passion and idealism. Love. What is the best thing about Northwestern? Having access to incredible resources of knowledge and avenues of creativity, like the Center for Quantum Devices. What is your favorite local hangout? I spend a lot of time at Barnes and Noble. What is your favorite journey? Cycling through Ireland with my brother. If you could paint a slogan on the Rock, what would it be? Stop painting dumb slogans on the Rock! If you weren't a student, what would you be doing? Navy SEALs—definitely. What is your favorite spot on campus? The lake!! I always go there when I'm feeling depressed or happy and when the wind is really blowing.