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My name is Michelle Lam and I am currently a first-year electrical engineering student at UCLA. I was raised in the San Gabriel Valley and graduated from Mark Keppel High School. During middle and high school, I consistently favored math and science classes over other subjects and challenged myself in those subject areas. I was not sure what I wanted to major in up until the end of junior year, when I was given the suggestion to pursue electrical engineering after telling those around me about my interests in math, physics and design. In addition to the fact that the major matches many of my interests, I was also attracted to it because of its versatility in regard to career paths.

Within this renowned research institution, I am fully utilizing the resources that both UCLA and the Fast Track program are providing me, in order to further my engineering knowledge and expand my network. Through research, internships and participation in engineering-related organizations, I plan to foster my technical skills and gain job experience prior to entering the industry. I am excited to gain hands-on experience with IoT technology from the class *E96C - Introduction to Engineering Design: Internet of Things* and to learn about software in my computer science classes. In the coming year, I am looking forward to being involved in the IEEE Open Projects Space, a program that allows students to work on multiple independent circuit projects. I am uncertain about what I want to pursue after graduating, but I am interested in applying electrical engineering to biotechnology or communications technology.

Outside of my STEM interests, I enjoy playing tennis, volunteering, watching TV shows and exploring the Los Angeles area with my friends. I am thrilled for the next four years at UCLA and what I will accomplish within those years.