

My name is Aaron Wilhelm and I am studying Electrical Engineering at UCLA. I grew up in San Diego and went to Westview High School. I have been surrounded by my family of engineers my whole life. Many of my aunts, uncles, siblings and cousins are engineers, ranging from chemical to computer. Because of the influence of my family, I always wanted to be an engineer. However, I wasn't sure which type of engineer I wanted to become until high school.

During my junior year in high school I took AP computer science and fell in love with computer programming. In addition to the homework assignments I also completed many of my own side projects. After the class I created several games with my brother and continued to learn about more advanced programming concepts.

Although I enjoyed coding, I knew that I wanted to do more than just build programs; I wanted to build devices that would be able to interact with the physical world. I was able to do some Arduino projects and enjoyed being able to both program and create circuits to achieve my project goals. Since I enjoyed working with hardware so much, I chose to become an electrical engineering undergraduate at UCLA.

At UCLA I've been able to continue explore electrical engineering by completing my own side projects as well as joining a research lab. Already I have learned a lot and appreciate the opportunities that UCLA offers.