Story of My Life (part of it, at least)

Hey you! Guess you want to learn a bit about me and how I got here. I'm Adam Belhouchat, and as you might have guessed, I'm an Electrical Engineering major at UCLA. I grew up in Folsom, near Sacramento, and went to Vista del Lago High School, which is where I decided I wanted to major in EE. Technically, my first "experience" with engineering was in middle school when I joined the robotics club. I was mostly in charge of programming the little robot to do what we wanted it to do, and it was surprisingly fun. Then in high school I took two engineering classes and a computer science class, all of which pushed me to major in electrical engineering.

It also helped that for almost my entire life, I've been in love with math and science, especially physics. They were always my favorite subjects in school and I always had fun doing them. I was actually split between Math, Physics, and some type of Engineering for my major throughout most of high school, but having some hands on experience with engineering, including building a circuit for a car and programming a marble sorting machine, nudged me towards engineering. Electrical engineering, to be specific. I don't know exactly what it is, but something about working on something, failing, then figuring out what's wrong and making it succeed is such a great feeling, and engineering offers plenty of that.

Even that's not the whole story, though. My dad got me interested in electronics and computing when I was a little kid. He would always let me help whenever he had to set up a computer or a server, he taught me how to solder, and he gave me so much exposure to the world of technology. That's why I chose electrical engineering over any other kind of engineering.

And yeah, that's me so far. I'm only a freshman so I know I have a long way to go, but I'm looking forward to it. All the sleepless nights spent slaving away at physics problems will be worth it for the joy of creating something, either for my engineering classes, for IEEE, or for whatever other reason. The next four years seem like they're gonna be a lot of fun.