

# Anusha Vemuri

Fast Track Student of the Month

*Interviewed by Eric Sarnoff and Serene Kamal*



**Born in:** Calcutta, India

**High School:** Amador Valley HS

**Outside Interests:** Singing Indian Carnatic music, Violin, Basketball

**Fun Fact:** She has a twin sister named Pratyusha

**When did you know you wanted to be an EE?**

When I was young, I would look out the window of my car as we drove by the NASA space station near our house. I dreamed of working inside, planning the next mission to space. I

believe that since then my penchant for engineering blossomed. Over the years, my interest in this field grew exponentially due to my visits to my dad's EMC office. I

specifically chose EE, because I wanted to build hardware and design the next generation gadgets.



**Who has influenced you the most in your choice of your academic field?**

My dad influenced me the most in my choice of EE. As

he is an EE himself, he avidly taught me about circuits and his work at office and shared with me his love for this field.

### **Why did you choose the UCLA EE program?**

The primary reason I chose UCLA EE is because it is one of the most prestigious programs in the world. I am very grateful and blessed to be given this opportunity to learn in such a great institute. I hope to make the best of this chance by working hard and making a difference.



### **How has it been being on a big campus so far?**

In the beginning, I was slightly intimidated with such a large campus. But, after my first few classes, I made great friends who have supported me since. In addition, my Courtside community has also made me feel at home. I have also been fortunate to meet many amazing faculty members and

participate in the Bruin Racing club.

### **What are you interested in as a career?**

I want to one day work in NASA to fulfill my childhood dream. This is an initial plan, but I came to UCLA with an open mind. I want to see all the possibilities that this vibrant engineering field has to offer and go where my heart leads me.

