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Where are you from?

I was born in Toronto, Canada and moved to Orange County, California when I was 3 and I have been there ever since!

Where did you go to High School?

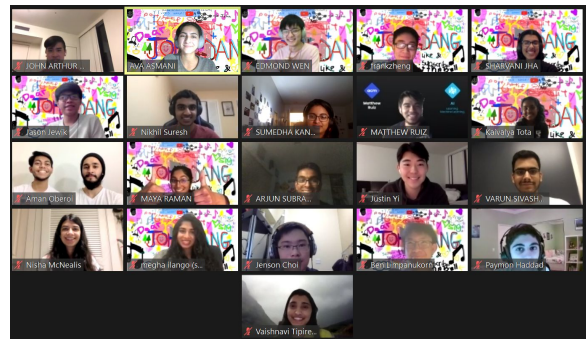


^Members from my HS debate team I went to Sage Hill School, a small private school in Newport Beach, California. Making the decision to go to Sage was one of the best decisions of my life (besides going to UCLA of course). I met so many amazing

people and learned so much from the many phenomenal teachers there. One experience from High School that stands out was my participation in the debate team.

What organizations are you involved in at UCLA?

I am currently a member of Open Project Space in IEEE. I am also Outreach Director for ACM Artificial Intelligence at UCLA and a member of the Bruin Political Union.



An ACM AI meeting^

What are your interests outside of School?

I like to play piano as much as I can. I used to play classical pieces, but now I am more into contemporary songs. I also love going to the various beaches in SoCal with my friends. Over the quarantine I have finally started to realize what a beautiful place Southern California is.

When did you know you wanted to be an Electrical Engineer?

I attended an engineering summer program in 2019. We attended various field sessions about different areas of engineering. I really loved the field session on Electrical Engineering

because of how applicable the subject is.

Describe your family

I am an only child and my mother and father are both immigrants from Iran.



my family^

Who has influenced the most in your choice of your Academic Field?

Definitely my father. He is also an Electrical Engineer and has always wanted me to follow in his footsteps. I resisted his influence for a very long time, but once I began taking more advanced math and physics classes, I realized this subject was my calling.

Why did you choose the UCLA ECE Program?

The Fast Track to Success Program definitely influenced me greatly and after just getting accepted into UCLA in April, I met some people in my cohort over social media and I really felt that I would be joining a supportive group.

What are you interested in as a career?

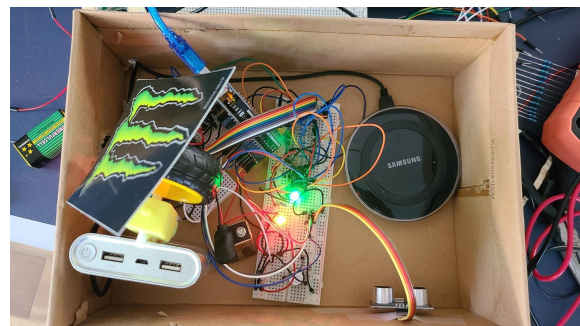
As a Fast Track member, you take e96c: Internet of Things in the fall of your freshman year and that class definitely piqued my interest. So I would love to work in Machine Learning.

If you couldn't be an engineer, what other career would you like to pursue?

I definitely would want to try pursuing a career in Politics. I have always had a passion for politics and advocacy. I actually am considering minoring in Public Affairs at UCLA because I would hopefully like to work in advocacy of ethical Artificial Intelligence.

Have you done any projects/internships relating to ECE?

In January, a friend of mine from UCLA and I participated in the IdeaHacks Competition and created a PhoneBox that will store your phone out of sight and has an alarm system for when the phone is outside of the box too long. It was a long weekend of brainstorming and troubleshooting but I really enjoyed the experience!



^ a very messy look at the inside of our project