

Hi, I'm Ben Lanir, a member of UCLA class of 2023 studying Electrical Engineering. I have spent most of my life in San Francisco, which likely contributed to my interest in engineering. In middle and high school, I participated in STEM and specifically engineering related clubs which also helped me to decide to pursue engineering in college. I was also drawn to engineering because engineering degrees tend to open many opportunities in the future, including in non-engineering areas. Every field needs people who can think the way engineers do and I like the idea of having many options open to me in the future.

I am sure I will enjoy the many resources that a large university can offer. I have already discovered many of the clubs here that would not be able to exist in high school because they are too expensive or too advanced. I plan on working on projects in clubs to get hands on experience. I also like the many choices in classes. I think it is important that two people with the same degree can have different college experiences because it means that there are more ideas and more perspectives that can come out of a single institution.

I am also excited for the challenge that college will bring. I am already starting to feel the time pressure with so many exciting clubs to join while still being sure that I keep up with my classes. I think the quarter system is an excellent way to keep the pressure on which makes sure that I am always pushing myself to do more. I am ready to take on the challenge of carefully managing my time as I balance the projects and clubs that I have taken in with my coursework, all while adapting to the independence that is given by college and the responsibility that is associated with it.