

My name is Connor Steigerwald and I am a first year computer engineering student here at UCLA. My hometown is Sunnyvale, California in the Bay Area. I have always been more interested in science, math, and engineering classes. I chose UCLA ECE because I am very interested in engineering and wanted to learn more about software and hardware and how they interconnect. The UCLA engineering department was very exceptional with many different programs that would help me such as Fast Track. Being able to be in the fast track program and potentially do research at UCLA was also a big factor in my choosing UCLA ECE. So far at UCLA, I am only involved in the engineering club IEEE where I am doing the micro mouse project. I also have been participating in intramural sports such as basketball and soccer in my free time. Next quarter I hope to potentially join some social clubs and get more involved in general. Currently, my educational goals are to get my bachelor's degree in computer engineering with a minor in data science engineering. Additionally, I hope to pursue my master's degree at UCLA with the four plus one year program. I also want to become more involved in clubs on campus and contribute to some larger engineering projects. For my career goals, I want to intern as an engineer for a company every summer during my time in college. I want to gain the professional and technical experience that comes with such internships so that I can be prepared after college. After college, I hope to be working as a hardware or software engineer in the industry. I am currently not doing many projects on my own time, I am participating in the micro mouse project as a part of IEEE where we are supposed to build and program a small robot vehicle that can traverse a maze. Other than that, I haven't been able to work on any other personal projects.