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Fast Track Class of 2020

Hi! My name is Gannon Earhart, and I was given the incredible opportunity and privilege to be part of the UCLA Electrical Engineering Fast Track to Success program. I am currently in my first year in this program and am very excited for the years to come at UCLA.

I was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, though I spent a greater part of my childhood living in Tucson, Arizona, as well as Los Angeles. From an early age I knew I wanted to pursue a degree in engineering at an esteemed university, in order to put my proficiencies in math and reasoning to use while also being able to express my creativity in finding new ways to solve problems.

I admittedly have a soft spot for pure mathematics, and I don't shy away from proofs or the opportunity to explore new abstract concepts, but I also understand the importance of applying knowledge to the real world- in high school I helped to organize and carry out our participation in the HiMCM Mathematical Modeling competition, in which our team of 4 was given 36 hours to find an open-ended solution to the complex issue of analyzing crime in urban areas. We performed admirably, having our solution paper featured in a scientific journal and receiving an outstanding commendation, as well as cementing my desire to study more ways to solve modern issues using science, engineering, and math. Electrical engineering, I have found, is a fantastic field that combines many different theoretical and applied studies and opens many possibilities for the future.

In my spare time, I also perform in a band with my two best friends, playing shows around the greater Los Angeles area and working hard to promote our music and become a part of the Los Angeles indie alternative punk rock scene. I also work at Baseball Central LA on weekends. All in all, I like to spend my time both expressing my creativity and working to learn more about the world around me.