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FastTrak Student of the Month

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Hello! My name is Jacob and I am an undergraduate studying Electrical Engineering at UCLA. This is my first year at UCLA and I'm very excited by all the new opportunities and prospects! I was born in Austin, Texas but lived most of my life right here in Los Angeles County. I graduated from Diamond Bar High School in Diamond Bar, California.

During my time in high school, I developed a strong interest in engineering and technology. In addition to taking many STEM courses like PLTW (Project Lead the Way) Engineering and AP Physics, I was part of my high school robotics team competing in the FRC league. In my final year of high school, I led the team through virtual competition as one of the captains. In addition, I completed a summer research internship at the University of Southern California working in a human-computer interaction lab specializing in assistive robotics. There, I worked on programming a robot called Kuri.

In addition to my STEM-related pursuits, I also enjoy downhill skiing in the wintertime and the occasional hike in the summer. At UCLA, I hope that I can learn the skills to succeed as an engineer, specifically to prepare me to develop solutions that will help people with their everyday lives, especially those that are marginalized or disadvantaged. I also hope the exciting years of my life I spend at UCLA will make me a better problem solver and leader.