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I was born and raised in Miami, Florida for my entire life. This is my first time ever living anywhere else long-term. While I miss the rain, I don't miss the humidity. I went to Archimedean Academy from kindergarten to 10th grade and then School for Advanced Studies for the last two years. I often competed in Science Olympiad and math competitions to learn things beyond the school curriculum. I enjoyed running and swimming as well as art.

I knew I wanted to be an electrical engineer when I picked up a multimeter and started analyzing circuits, which I had only seen schematics of before. This would lead me to much personal research and learning to realize my passion for the field. My father, himself a computer engineer, would encourage my interest, often showing me how to repair circuitry around the house and how they would connect to power various appliances.

I would choose to attend UCLA due to how different yet comfortable this new environment is. The hugeness of the city and mountains were amazing to me as I barely even saw hills and went into the city only for major occasions. At such a prime location I would be able to access plentiful research and internship opportunities through which I hope to gain much experience. The large student body and campus were both quite attractive to me as I could frequently meet new people anytime and I could find various places on campus to study or simply explore.

While I am not quite solidified on careers as of yet, the aspect which most intrigues me is laser technology. I hope to get much practical experience with such to determine whether it is truly worth pursuing.