

Hi there! My name is Jenna Kim, and I am an electrical engineering student thrilled to be beginning my first year at UCLA! I am from San Diego, California, where I attended and graduated from Del Norte High School.

Prior to deciding to major in electrical engineering, I was convinced I would be entering into the humanities field. I grew up with a massive passion for writing, reading, and storytelling, and really enjoyed the creative aspects of non-STEM related work. In high school, I took several advanced writing and english classes, and focused the bulk of my time and energy on my other passion, running.

It was only in the latter half of high school when I took advanced maths and an AP science that I began to develop a deep appreciation for STEM (much to my surprise!). I found that STEM combines many of the aspects I value most from the humanities and running. It involves the critical thinking and problem-solving of pre-meets, the challenge and rigor of races, and the creativity and imagination I previously had only associated with writing. I love how electrical engineering merges practicality with innovation. It is a field that could not have been a more perfect blend of my two passions.

Since I am a little late to the game, I am all the more eager to throw myself into the field. At UCLA, I am participating in IEEE's Open Project Space (OPS), where I hope to gain technical experience and become more involved in the electrical engineering community. As of now, there is much that is new to me, and doing something as basic as building a simple circuit to light an LED is incredibly fascinating. I cannot wait to discover more of what this field has to offer, and I am beyond excited to be a part of and spend my next four years with Fast Track!