Fast Track Biography
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My name is Jonathan Lam and I am studying electrical engineering at UCLA. I am from Waltham, Massachusetts, a small city outside of Boston. I honestly never expected I would move across the country for college, but somehow I ended up at UCLA, three thousand miles away from home. Nobody from my school system has ever attended UCLA so I like to consider myself a pioneer for future students.

In my limited free time as a student, I play club hockey as well. I’ve been playing since I was eight years old and it was nice to find out that UCLA had a team that I could join. Also, I am a member of IEEE, an electrical engineering club on campus.

I first realized that I was interested in STEM was my freshman physics classroom, where my teacher demonstrated the conservation of energy through releasing a ball on a string right in front of his face. My interest only grew through my time in high school, where I would be more interested in learning about how to find the area under the curve of a graph instead of how to say “I don’t know how to speak Spanish,” in Spanish. Over the summer of my junior year, I found myself with an internship at Brandeis University. The post doc I was working under was studying how to most efficiently apply sensors to the human body to increase the amount of information it could receive from their surroundings. From this experience, I determined that I was destined to be an electrical engineer, because I loved working on the circuits and the software that accompanied it.

In conclusion, I am a random kid from a small town outside of Boston, who is looking forward to playing hockey sometimes and studying in the library all the time during my time here at UCLA.