

Kevin Jin Fast Track Bio

My name is Kevin Jin and I am currently a first year Electrical Engineering student at UCLA. I am from Houston, Texas, and attended Clements High School in Sugar Land, Texas. My engineering experience started out very simply in high school, where I took a majority of math and physics related courses. Honestly, at the time, I was just taking them to boost my resume and try to seem more impressive for future college apps. Therefore, my closeness to these subjects was not expected to me at all. The classes I had signed up for to help me apply for college eventually became the classes I spent the most time in and had the most understanding in. This growth, combined with my natural tendency to try to find unique solutions for everyday personal and interpersonal problems eventually pointed me toward the engineering route.

It was only during my sophomore and junior summers that I truly got a taste of what engineering was like. I was lucky enough to have a chance to intern at two separate companies in which I was able to work with other developers and engineers. The experience honestly left a huge impact in my life – it really showed me first-hand what kind of tasks, struggles, and victories an engineer faced in everyday work. I got to work on building new apparatuses, designing products, figuring out circuit problems, and even got to work with a 3D printer. In any case, I became interested with what I could accomplish in the field of engineering, especially in the electrical sense.

However, I had a few personal hurdles to overcome when choosing whether to pursue Electrical Engineering or not. The biggest two were the fact that the courses are extremely difficult and that without actual passion, jobs working as an engineer could end up being boring. These worries still remain, but I was able to find assurance in my decisions because of how ingrained I already am in the results of the work of many other electrical engineers. Especially with the IoT on the rise, I am confident that I will be able to find interesting and engaging projects in experimentation and development relating to my interests.

As a student that just barely got a taste of college, I know that my future is definitely full of uncertainties, whether in studies or future career paths. However, I am confident that I will be able to pull through the hardships and reach my goals. I am excited to further explore the possibilities the Fast Track program can bring, and will work hard to gain experience and expertise as an Electrical Engineer.