Hi, my name is Matheo Irazabal, and I am starting my first year at UCLA as an Electrical Engineering student. Before coming here, I originally grew up in San Jose, which is in the Bay area, and attended Prospect High School. In my time there, I did many things such as play in the orchestra, participate in Mock Trial, and tutor math and other STEM subjects.

Ever since I was a kid, I had a natural curiosity towards the world and greatly enjoyed doing math and learning about science. I remember playing around with very simple circuits as a kid and even doing basic programming with Lego Mindstorms. Going through high school, I enjoyed math quite a lot and became fascinated by physics. On top of that, I took an engineering class while dual enrolled in a community college, solidifying my decision of majoring in Electrical Engineering.

At UCLA, I am currently involved in IEEE as a team member in Micromouse and I have done some research on diffractive deep neural networks for all-optical machine learning in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute & National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Program. Outside of academics, I play violin and piano in both the UCLA Symphony and Bruin Chamber Music. Other hobbies outside of music are reading and hiking. I am excited to see where UCLA and Fast Track take me in life.