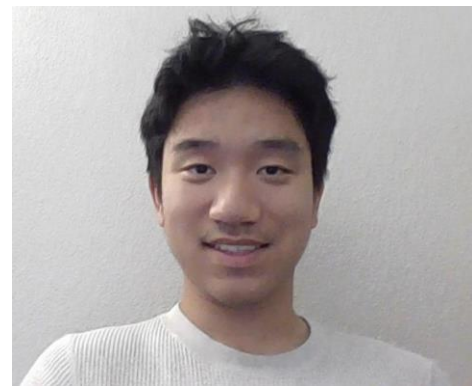Hello! My name is Nathan from San Jose, California, and a freshman at UCLA. I went to Carolyn Clark Elementary and Valley Christian before arriving at UCLA. Outside of school, I'm interested in going to the gym, playing video games, and doing leetcode.

In high school, I found PCB design to be really interesting in the way one could express creativity by moving components and traces around. When I was assembling the board for my underwater robotics program, I learned how to operate a solder oven and other electronic instruments like oscilloscopes and power supplies. I can still relive the excitement of putting my PCB into the ROV, hearing the thrusters come alive. That is when I decided to do ECE.

I also interviewed with an application engineer at Faraday with a background in electrical engineering for my project in engineering class. Although brief, he gave me an overview of what the electrical engineering field is like: designing chips, power supplies, radios, robotics, etc. After the interview was over, he gave me some advice, "It's never too late to do something. Most engineers would like to put up their blinders. Don't be afraid to try new things and ask for what you want". It sounded cliche, but he's a big reason why I chose ECE.

I chose the UCLA ECE program because it's in-state so I get to pay less tuition and also fast track (Yay!). Being on a big campus is scary at times, but joining clubs makes the campus

feel way smaller. If I don't drop or flunk out, I'm interested in pursuing a career in

microelectronic circuits or RF engineering.