

Hi, my name is Richard Chen, and I am from San Diego, California. I attended Canyon Crest Academy for high school which fostered my interest in science and engineering. While in high school, I participated in my school's physics club and Math Team where I was able to explore topics that described the world around me. Later on in my senior year of high school, I eventually took a digital electronics course that combined physics and computer science, and I loved it. After taking the course, I decided to major in computer engineering as I would be able to connect various topics that I enjoyed in high school to develop new technologies. In my free time, I enjoy going to the park with my friends and going on walks around my neighborhood while playing Pokemon Go.



I decided to choose UCLA since the school fosters a collaborative environment that encourages students to work together to make a change in the world. The school would allow me to branch out and meet new people while learning more about the topics that I love. I decided to choose computer engineering as my major since it would allow me to create new devices which can help the people around me. From everyday phones to rovers which help space exploration, the applications of computer engineering are endless.

At UCLA, I am currently participating in the IEEE OPS project where I am learning about circuits. I also enjoy going to the IEEE workshops and doing hands-on work while learning more about engineering.

In the future, I hope to get a PhD in computer engineering or a related field so that I can continue to learn more about the field that always fascinates me. After getting a PhD, I hope to find work with a tech company that creates the devices of the future.