



# SRAAVYA PRAADEEP

FAST TRACK '24

## WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I'm from the Bay Area! I was born in New Jersey and later moved to California.

I attended Cupertino High School. Here, I grew with many amazing people. I was also fortunate to have various opportunities presented to me, such as hackathons and programming clubs, that ultimately helped me decide my major!

## HOBBIES/INTERESTS?

Aside from my academic interests, I really enjoy singing, painting, writing, and baking! I can cook anything from American to Indian-Chinese fusion foods. Fun fact, I went to The Voice auditions in Baltimore once!

## WHICH CAREERS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

After finishing my CE bachelors and masters, I hope to work in cyber security or cloud speciality. More specifically, I am interested in encryption and cloud cryptography.

## WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO STUDY CE/EE?

Throughout my high school career, I had the chance to experience the software and programming aspects of Computer Engineering. After taking a Java class in high school, I started learning new languages in my free time and attending some hackathons. I then realized that I enjoyed programming.

When researching how this newfound interest could be applied, I discovered Computer Engineering. This path of education allows me to combine software and hardware to create incredible devices. As someone who thoroughly enjoys creating new things, I found CE to be a perfect balance and soon decided to pursue this as my area of study.

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT UCLA?

I really love the supportive community and mentorship that students at UCLA have access to. Throughout this year I have learned more about applications within my field, from professionals, and got advice from upperclassmen to best enjoy my freshman year experience. There are also many clubs to choose from, with each having a unique specialization. I have so far found this to be a great way to learn technical skills and meet people with similar interests! I am involved in IEEE WATT (for women in engineering) where I am the social chair. I am also a part of IEEE and ACM!

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WITH FAST TRACK?

As a part of Fast Track, I made many friends and acquainted myself with professors. I strongly believe this program emphasizes what I love most about UCLA, the community.

I am also very interested in summer research. I believe this is a great way to get hands-on experience with skilled professors, while also gaining experience in various tech specialities. The combined Masters program is a great way to further my education before entering the industry!