

Hyounjun Chang

Student of the Month

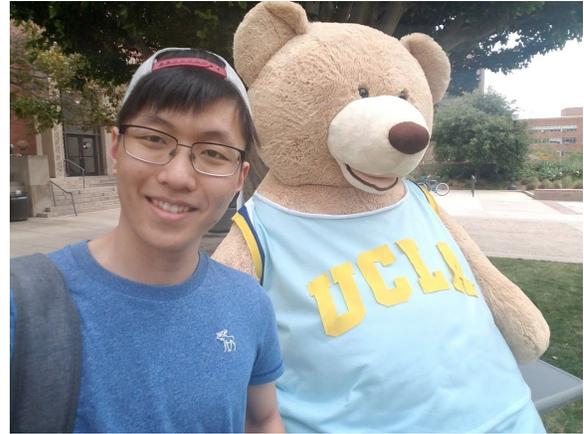
Birthplace: Seoul, South Korea

High School: Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, CA

Outside Interests: Guitar, Piano, Music Production, Music Reharmonization

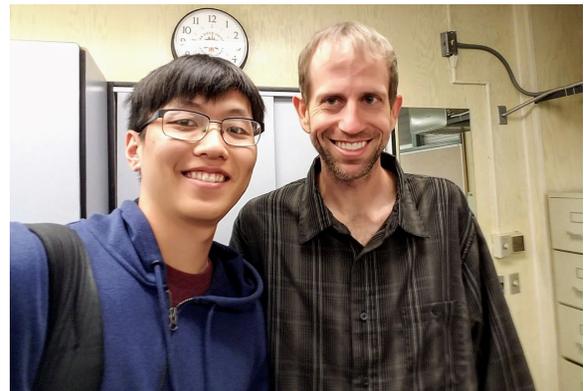
When did you know you wanted to be an ECE?

I can't really say it was a specific moment. To be honest, me from 5 years ago would have never imagined myself being an EE major. I preferred math and science over arts and literature even back then, but I guess the interests I found over high school led me to this field of engineering. Few small things that led to my path to Engineering were learning a programming language and building some circuits in high school. However, the deciding factor was actually my interest in remixing and audio engineering. As I learned more about remixing, I became more curious about how musical equipments worked. It just became apparent that Electrical Engineering was what made everything - synthesizers to electric guitar amps to DAC converters in speakers - all possible.



Who has influenced you the most in your choice of your academic field?

My math professor at Community College. He showed me how beautiful the study of mathematics can be. If I haven't meet him, I would have disregarded math as just another topic that has no use in real life.



Why did you choose UCLA ECE ENGR program?

The fantastic weather and location. I just couldn't imagine myself abandoning the amazing weather in Southern California. Since UCLA isn't too far away from my hometown, I can also visit my family every now and then. Oh, and the nice vibes the nearby area had settled my choice.



How has it been being on a big Campus so far?

I'm getting used to the new lifestyle here. It can be a little hectic at times due to the sheer amount of people, but I'm starting to like how busy this campus can be. Although I am not the most outgoing person, having close friends I can rely on eased my transition here.

What are you interested in as a career?

Becoming an engineer would be great, but I am open to all possibilities, just like how life works. After all, who can really predict their own future? But as a firm believer in education, I also find teaching STEM interesting