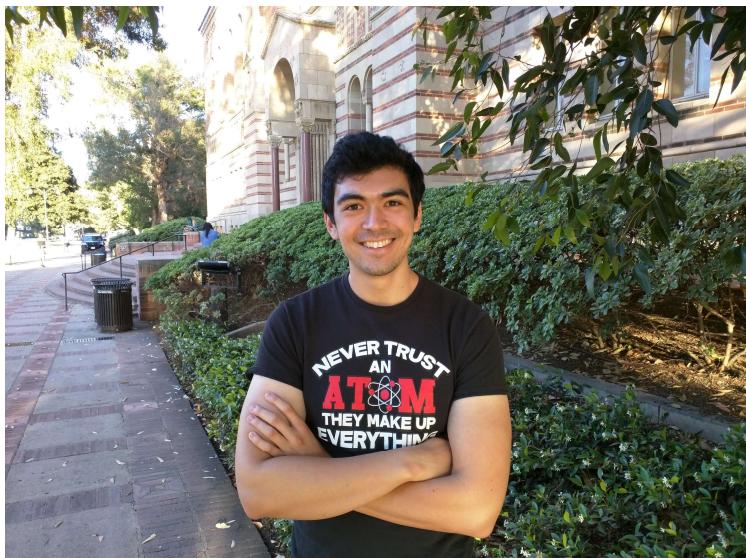


# Adam Belhouchat

## Fast Track Student of the Month

*Interviewed by Anusha Vemuri and Eric Sarnoff*



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My high school also offered two basic engineering courses for us to get practice with simple projects and learn basic engineering concepts, including a bit of basic circuits stuff. After taking those two, I knew I wanted to be some kind of engineer, and I had the most fun with circuits, so I chose electrical engineering.

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

My biggest influence in choosing engineering is my AP Calc teacher, who also taught one of the engineering classes at my high school. Everyone loved his Calc class and for a good reason: he was a great teacher. Taking his classes showed me

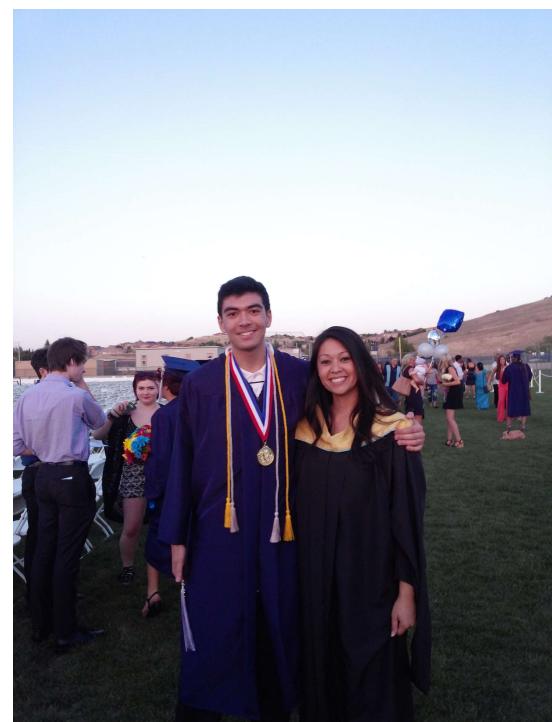
**Born in:** Folsom, California

**High School:** Vista del Lago High School, Folsom, California

**Outside Interests:** Gaming, weightlifting, drawing, reading

### When did you know you wanted to be an EE?

I actually didn't pay much attention to engineering until sophomore year of high school. I always wanted to do something in science since I was a little kid, but until high school I wanted to do biology more than anything. Then in high school I took AP Calc with an amazing teacher, which made me realize how much I liked doing mathematics and physics.



how enjoyable math and engineering were, and he more than anyone pushed me to pursue engineering.



### Why did you choose the UCLA EE program?

I don't think it's a secret that UCLA is a great school. It has amazing professors who teach very interesting classes, which was a major attraction. But the biggest thing that made me choose UCLA's EE program was all the different clubs and organizations that I could join. IEEE is the big one, but if I wanted to I could help make a car or take part in a hackathon or try out any

one of the many engineering organizations at UCLA.

### How has it been being on a big campus so far?

To be honest, I was kind of worried coming to UCLA because of the huge campus, but it hasn't been that much of an issue. It's actually kind of nice, because there's something here for everyone. Whatever I feel like doing, there's a group of people here that also love doing that. It makes this place feel a lot closer and more friendly than I'd have thought.



### What are you interested in as a career?

Aside from something to do with electrical engineering, I don't really know what I want to do as a career. Right now, I want to go into industry and work on computer electronics, but that might change drastically in the next few years. We'll see where I end up.