

## Trevor Brown - Class of 2027

Hey! My name is Trevor Brown and I'm a Computer Engineering major in the Class of 2027! I grew up in Galt, California, a small town of around 25,000 people that is 30 miles south of Sacramento, and graduated from Liberty Ranch High School. Outside of school, I enjoy listening to film and television scores, watching the latest T.V. shows, keeping up with politics, and walking with a podcast in my ear.



Coming from a small town/school with limited academic resources, many academic opportunities beyond core subjects were up to me to pursue. On my own time, Mark Rober videos and conversations with some of my teachers helped me gain insight into the engineering fields and the challenging educational pathways associated with them. I grew particularly interested in computers but found it hard to wrap my mind around focusing exclusively on software or hardware, especially without any formal education in either one. That brought me to UCLA's CE program which allows for an understanding of both fields and greater flexibility in the job market later down the road. The opportunities that the Fast Track program offers along with the balance of campus life and established academia helped to finalize my decision to attend UCLA.

So far, my experience on a big campus has been refreshing. The undergraduate population alone is larger than my hometown, and while some aspects of small towns are beneficial, I have been itching for the exposure and experiences that larger, more diverse places inherently provide. I enjoy the fluidity of being able to feel small and independent at one point in time and a larger part of a community (of friends, roommates, peers) at the next point.

The accessibility features associated with computing systems, especially those of Apple, have been a facet of the tech world that has interested me since a young age. While technology can be a tool for everyone, it can often be life changing for populations with disabilities. Because of that, I would love to pursue a career in some type of hardware and/or software engineering that focuses on creating more accessible technology.

