

My name is Yiming Guo. I grew up in China and graduated from San Domenico High School in Marin county, located in the north of San Francisco.

My interest in electrical engineering originated from the many misfortunes experienced by my possessions. It seemed to me that my laptop screens are periodically going dark, and my phone would one day stop charging out of the blue. When I was a kid I'd watch my dad fix things around the house, laboring over leaking roofs and clogged pipes. So I figured I would take a peek at the malfunctioning devices myself. As tedious as it was, I enjoyed the painstaking process of forcing apart the phone shell, pulling out delicate wires with trembling hands, and hours staring at discussion posts figuring out what is wrong with my phone. I had successes and I had failures. The successes are a boon, both in self confidence and my financial status, while the failures made a sunny day seem gloomy, but they also gave me a motive to learn more about electronics.

In high school I joined the robotics team. I built robots with some friends and went to the competition to watch our robots and other robots swerve around the pit, hurrying back and forth, contesting each other in a match of speed, agility and precision. You will be amazed how looks can be deceiving and start appreciating the value of simplicity when you see how our humble bare-metal robot can often outplay delicate constructions stolen from a sci-fi movie set.

I chose to go to UCLA because it is a good school. And it is a good school now that I am going to UCLA. There are lots of things to do, lots of people to meet, but all too little time. I am involved in the IEEE OPS program, and the martial arts program. In my spare time I am often caught reading a good book or playing some good ol strategy games.