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Hello! My name is Yonatan Ahituv, and I'm a Computer Engineering major in the class of 2027! I was born and grew up in Walnut Creek, California (by San Francisco, my love!), and graduated (still doesn't feel real) from Las Lomas High School. I love mountain biking, music (indie, electronic, and rock), shenanigans with friends (why can't you walk through a drive thru), projects involving electronics and meeting new people!



Before high school, I'd previously only worked with software, and noticed that while I liked solving problems in code, my favorite part was actually applying that software towards something concrete. But in high school, I started working more with hardware through Arduino, 3D printing, and programmable robots, and I loved it so much. I wired things to my Arduino, tweaked mechanical parts, and installed new hardware modifications on my 3D printer, and every choice I made had a real-life effect. Suddenly, my projects became more concrete and real; hardware became the missing piece I needed. My choice of major and department was now easy, and I became a Computer Engineer!

Rather embarrassingly, I'd say that Notch (the creator of Minecraft) has influenced my choice of academic field the most. I loved Minecraft as a kid, and it was what really made me aware of the power of technology. I chose UCLA's ECE program because I love this campus, the social environment here, and the incredible academics offered. Being on UCLA's large campus has been an adjustment, but I love exploring it every day and learning its secrets. Finally, I hope UCLA empowers me to gain a career where I can make positive change in the world by designing and programming hardware.