

# Skylar Edwards

*IDEA Center's Spotlight on UCSD's  
Graduating Engineers*



## Quick Facts

Grade: 5<sup>th</sup> Year (undergrad)

Major: Bioengineering: Biosystems

Outside interests: Salsa, Bachata, Crocheting, and Singing

## Questions about your experiences:

**Why did you become an IDEA Scholar and how has the program helped you?**

I became an IDEA Scholar because I was the first cohort of SEI that was able to be on campus for 5-weeks! Since I am from the Central Valley the IDEA program created a close knit community of engineers that I would have made as easily otherwise, as well as some amazing one-on-one's with my peers and advisors.

## What student orgs have you been a part of, and how have they benefited you?

I have been a part of SHPE at UC San Diego for 5 years (General Member, Technical Chair, Vice President External, President, and back to General Member). I am also currently a part of the Biomedical Engineering Society as the BE Day Co-Chair. SHPE created a familia that has and will always be my support network and cheer team. I have received both of my internships through SHPE National Conferences and have been able to grow as an engineering leader through this organization. Both organizations have created a network of peers, faculty, and industry personnel that will always be a message away if I need any advice.



## What was your biggest accomplishment in your time at UCSD?

Being able to be an inventor on a patent from my research group and getting into Ph.D. and Master programs.

## What are your plans for the next 2-3 years?

For the next 2-3 years I will be in Boston starting my Ph.D. program, learning more about bioengineering and imaging along with starting my own research projects and thesis.

## From your experiences, what advice would you offer current students?

Never be afraid to ask for help when it comes to your academic struggle or your mental health.

