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IDEA Center’s Spotlight on UCSD’s Graduating Engineers

Quick Facts
Grade: 5th 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.