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IDEA's Spotlight on UCSD Alumni

Past UCSD WIC
(Women In Computing)
Member!

Quick Facts

Graduation Year: 2018

Major: Computer Science with a minor in Design

Highlighted Student Org: WIC

Questions about UCSD Student Orgs:

How has your involvement with WIC prepared you for your transition from being a student to an engineer?

From being involved with WIC, I have learned to be adaptable to constant change, and working alongside people with different habits, and work styles. I have learned to be collaborative and staying on top of communications in a work environment from being a part of large student orgs.

What advice do you have for students who are thinking of getting involved in student orgs?

When I first started college, I was a super shy freshman, but I forced myself to get outside of my comfort zone. Getting involved in student orgs is a great way to meet people who share similar interests, and gain leadership skills. It is important to show up consistently to student org events, and don't be afraid to reach out to other members.

Questions about Life After Graduation:

Where do you work now, and what do you do?

I am currently working at Google NYC as a software engineer for a product called Cloud Pub/Sub, a service that is often used for big data ingestion.

What has been the transition been like for you as a new professional?

I had a relatively smooth transition to my full-time role having interned twice before at Google. My experience as an intern helped me ramp up quickly to working on my team and projects. Moving to New York was a change for sure. It was a huge contrast transitioning from SD, to the fast pace style in the city. Unlike college, you really need to go out of your way to meet new people, especially those outside of work.