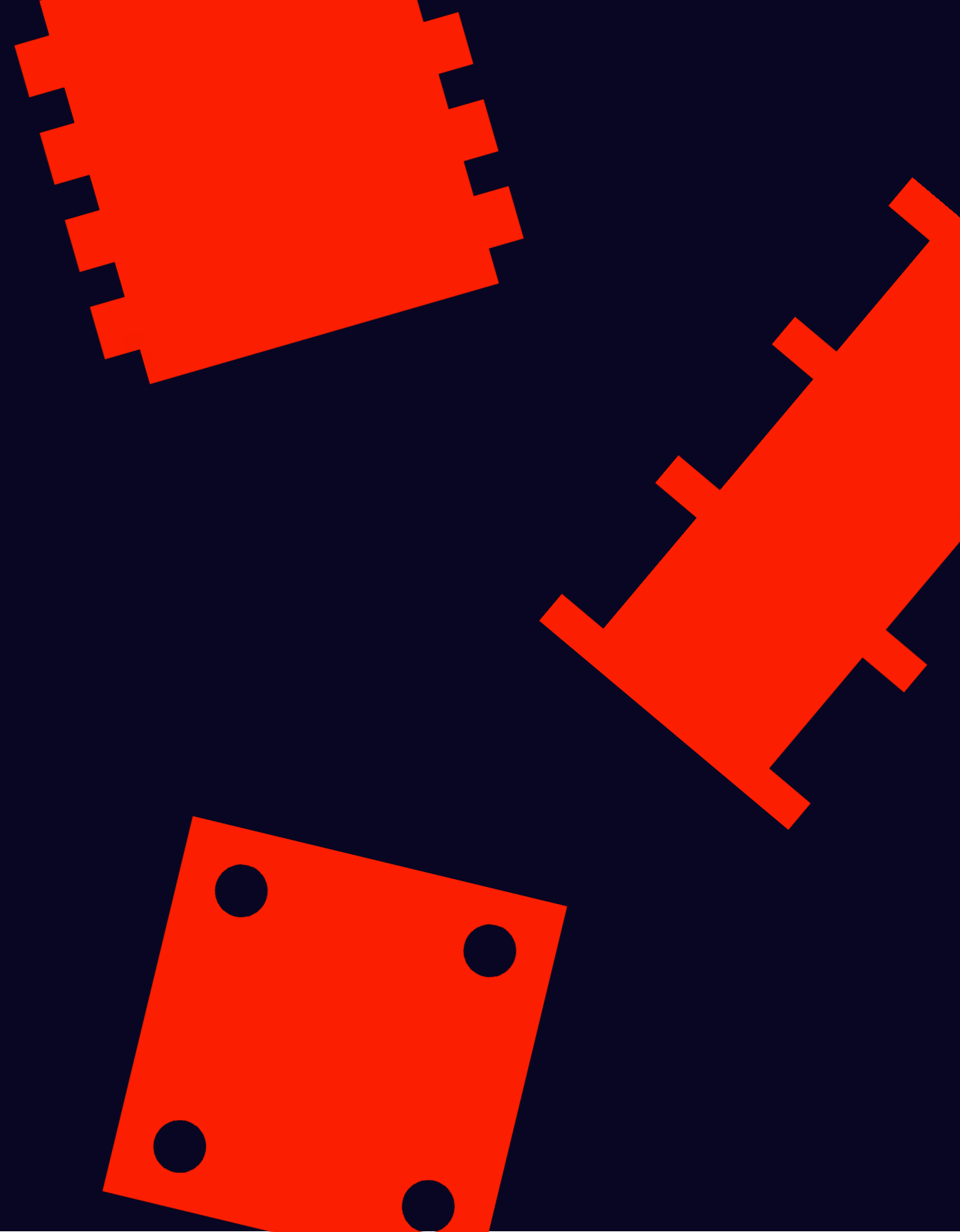


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The team





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Boise, ID

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Jenn Dahl is the Engagement Programs Manager at EETech. She manages all of the day-to-day activities with the ambassadors, and all program logistical management. She is your main point of contact for work in the program. This is her fourth school year with the program and is excited to share all the improvements with you all.



YC Wang

San Diego, CA

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Y.C. Wang is the Director of the DigiKey Global Academic Program. He believes engineering success is equal parts technical expertise and interpersonal skills. With a FPGA design background, he is also an Adjunct Professor for returning education where he brings about his passion for Making into the engineering industry. The DigiKey Ambassador Program is an wonderful opportunity for highly motivated engineering students to build their skills stack while having lots of fun.



John LeDuc

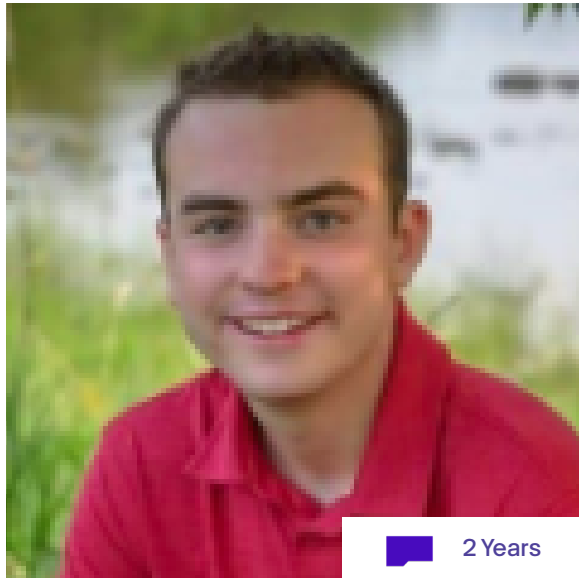
San Diego, CA

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John is the Technical Marketing Manager at DigiKey. He works with DigiKey's Maker team to engage, develop and promote technical content with customers interested in getting into the maker movement; and demonstrates DigiKey development boards like Arduino, BeagleBoard and Raspberry pi and attending the various maker faire events.

Returning students





Aiden Warne

University of North Dakota

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My name is Aiden Warne, and I am going to UND for Electrical Engineering! I plan on graduating with my bachelor's in EE in May of 2026!

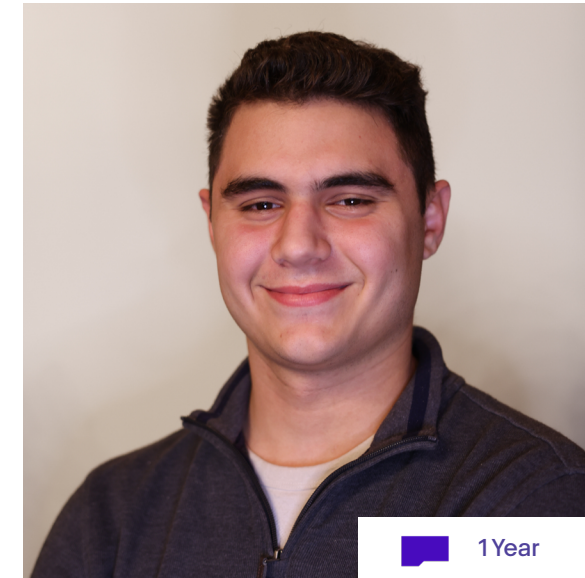


Ricky Chen

Drexel University

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Hello! My name is Ricky Chen, a Electrical and Computer Engineering major with a minor in Computer Science at Drexel University. I love engineering, but more importantly I love learning and exploring the vast world for new hobbies and adventure.



Jaret Rader

Southern Adventist University

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Hi, I am Jaret Rader, I am in my junior year of my EE degree at Southern Adventist University. I enjoy scuba diving, hiking, cooking, and football.

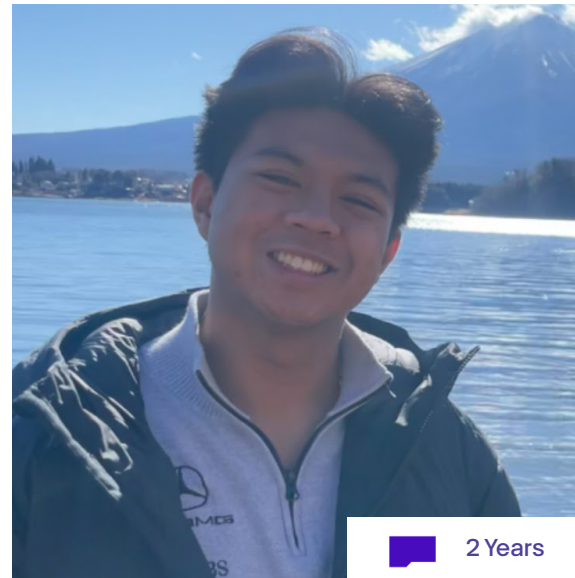


Raymond Walker

Florida Polytechnic University

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Hi! My name is Raymond and I am a senior at Florida Polytechnic University in Lakeland Florida. My 'engineering' interests are in the areas of Radar and RF, as well as hardware security and computing. In my free time i really enjoy fishing and airplane photography (best picture either has to be of the F-22 or F-35). If there is a way to combine fishing and airplanes, please let me know ! :D

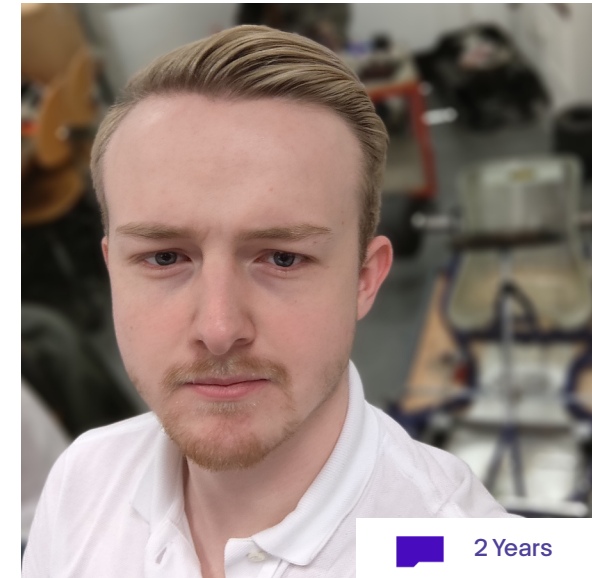


Antonio Velasco

Univeristy of California Irvine

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Aloha! My name is Antonio Velasco and I'm a current Electrical Engineering Junior at the University of California, Irvine. I'm from Hawai'i and have worked previously in Microelectronics/ Semiconductor Manufacturing internships. I'm passionate about working on space projects, fast cars, and a sustainable future.

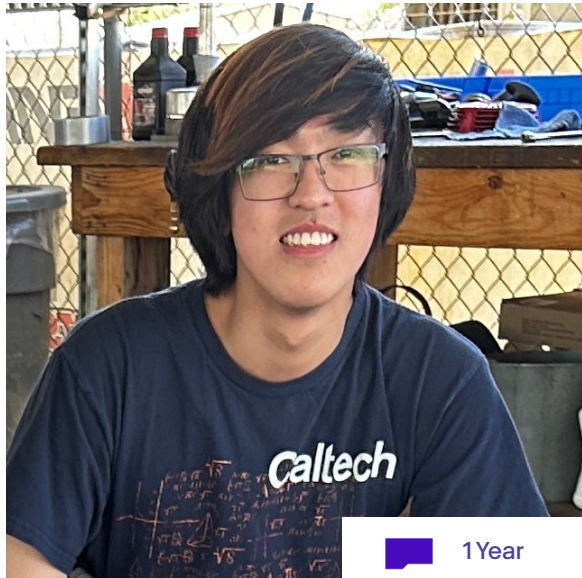


Tobias Bruckmann

RWTH Aachen University

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I follow my passion and always stay curious about all things science and electronics. Weekend Projects are weekend projects, stay weekend projects even when they take three months.



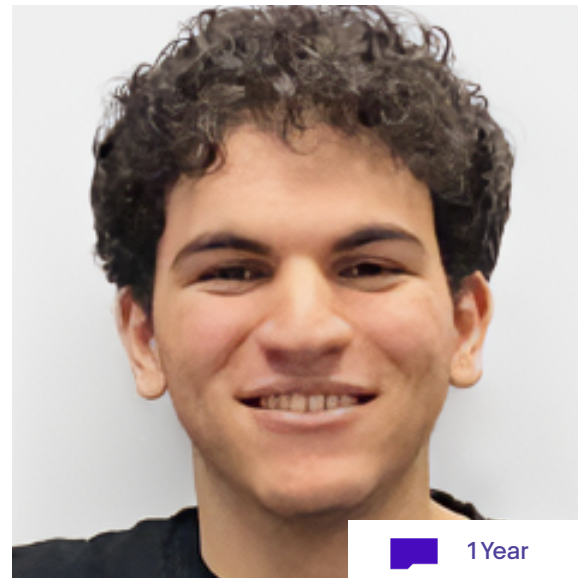
1 Year

Yao Huang

California Institute of Technology

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Hi, I'm Yao, I'm studying Electrical Engineering at Caltech, my interests are RF, digital, and analog design. I enjoy working on various projects and restoring old electronics.



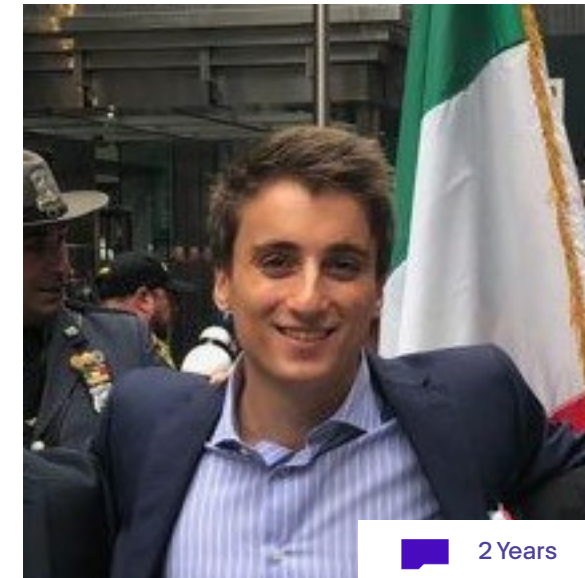
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Omar Mansour

Columbia University

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Omar Mansour is a Senior at Columbia University studying Mechanical Engineering. He is an undergraduate researcher at the Hone Group, a lab specializing in novel materials and nano-devices, where he develops optoelectronics and utilizes computer vision to improve the identification of nano-materials. His research interests include Deep Learning, Propulsion, Controls, and Quantum Sensing. He has worked in a research capacity to develop ML models for Samsung, and engaged in industry research with Tempur Sealy and Hyundai.



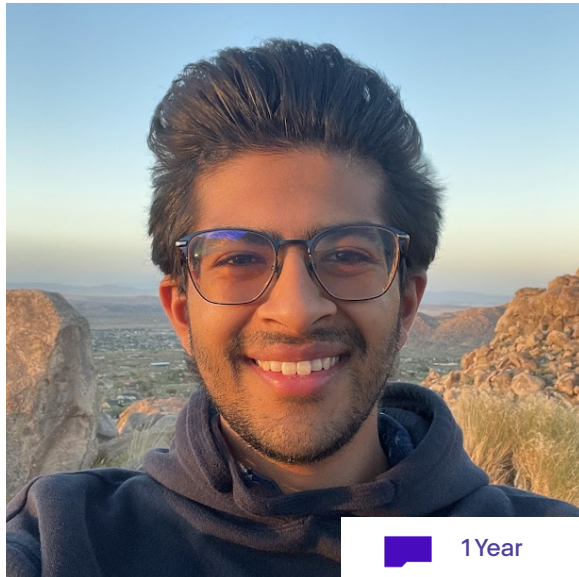
2 Years

Mario De Lorenzo

Technische Universität Dresden

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I am a Roman from Rome. I have studied in New York and Philadelphia and now I am doing my PhD in Germany. I am mostly interested in BCI, exoskeletons and robotic systems.



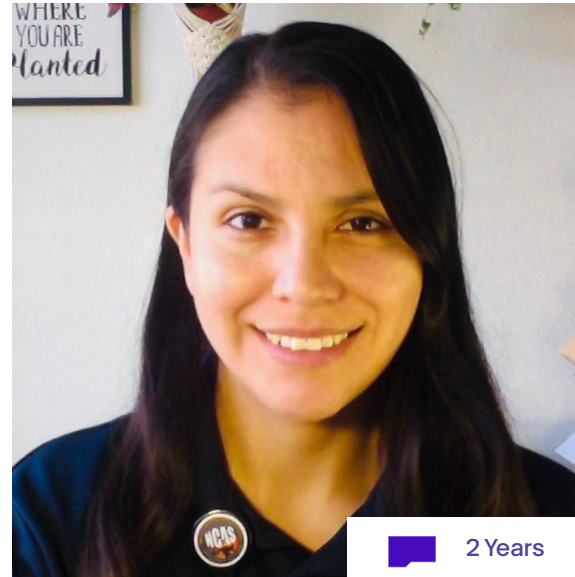
 1 Year

Suraj Shah

UCLA

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I am a masters student in mechanical engineering at UCLA. Currently at UCLA, I am active in RoMeLa, a robotics laboratory focused on humanoid robots. I'm also heavily involved in Engineers Without Borders while at UCLA and outside. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, so if you're looking for recs, I can do my best haha. I also love to travel-- I've been to 28 countries (hopefully soon to be more).



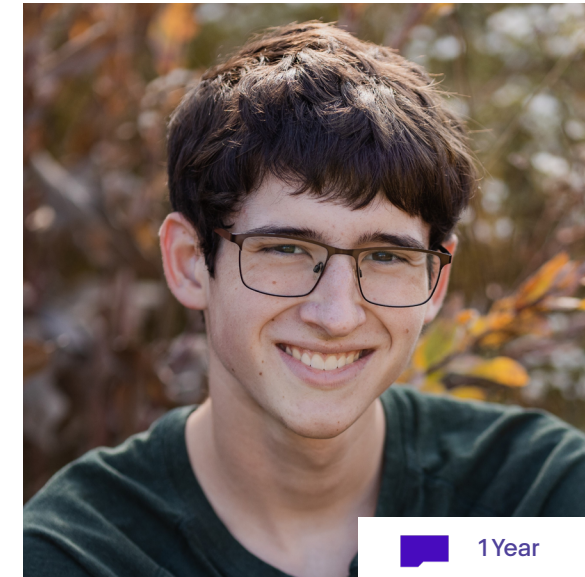
 2 Years

Judith Settle

San Diego State University

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I am a third year Electrical Engineering student at San Diego State. I am part of many clubs such as SHPE, SWE as well as other orgs like ANS, IMAPS and IEEE. I work as a freelance Audio Engineer and hope to focus on RF and microwaves once I graduate. My previous internships have been with Cubic both on their transportation side and Defense.



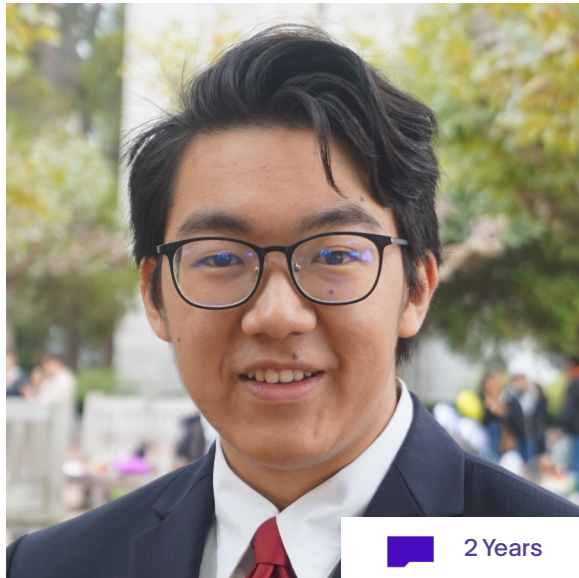
 1 Year

Ryan Ilgen

University of Illinois

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I'm a Junior in computer engineering at the University of Illinois. I'm interested in embedded design and semiconductors. Over the last summer I interned in AI research at KLA. I am technical vice president of IEEE. In my free time I love climbing, running, and rowing.

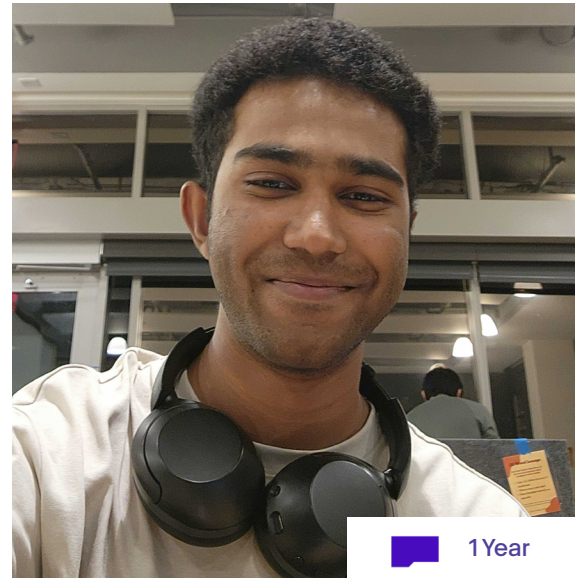


Eric Ho

UC Berkeley

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My name is Eric, and I'm a senior studying EECS at UC Berkeley! I love learning and building things, and I've always been fascinated by how technology can improve the lives around us!

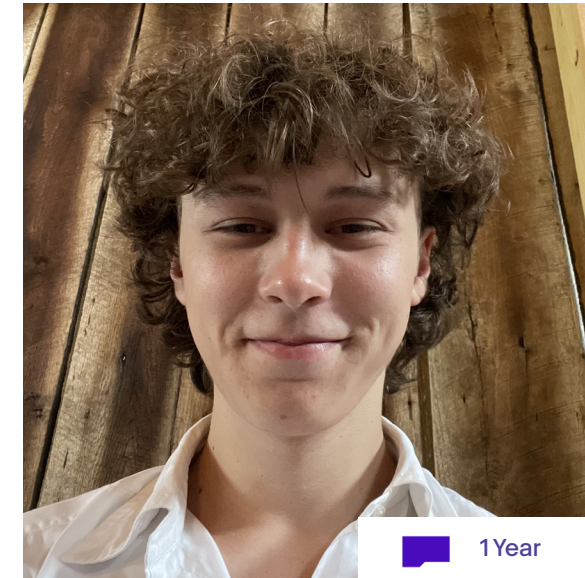


Mohammad Mustahsin Zarif

The University of California San Diego

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Senior at UC San Diego, studying Electrical Engineering with a focus on circuits and systems



Abram Tingle

Western Kentucky University

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Hello, My name is Abram Tingle, and I am an electrical engineering major from Somerset, Kentucky. I serve as the President of WKU's Big Red Rocketry Association, the Chair of WKU's IEEE chapter, an ambassador for the school of engineering and applied sciences.



Chandler Stone

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

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Highly dedicated computer engineering student, looking to connect with other professionals in the Huntsville area.

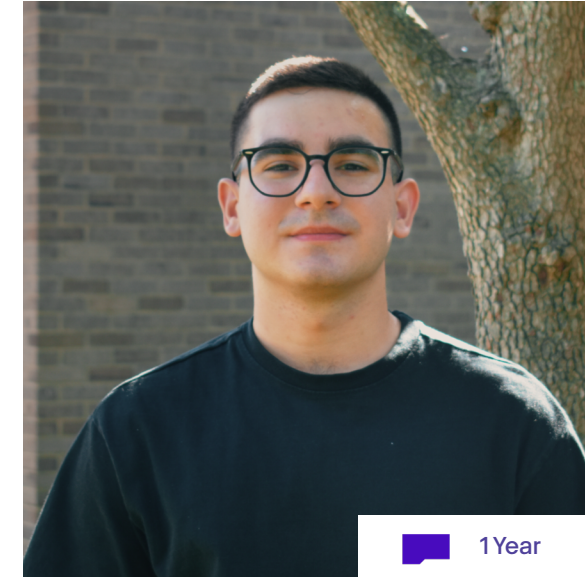


Olivia West

University of Florida

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Hi everyone! My name is Liv and I am a junior studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Florida. I am very involved in IEEE and other student programs at UF and I am excited to continue to represent DigiKey at my university in the upcoming school year. Outside of engineering, I am pursuing a minor in philosophy and I love to read philosophy books and do pretty much any kind of craft from sewing to scrapbooking to pottery. I love working on creative electronics projects and teaching beginners how to get started with their new hobby!



Daniel Kapriyelov

Stony Brook University

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Hi, I'm Daniel. I'm a junior computer engineering major at Stony Brook University. I'm looking forward to being a DigiKey Ambassador for the second year! Currently I'm the partnership director of the Stony Brook Robotics Team. In the past, I've been the electrical team lead, as well as the secretary of SBU's IEEE student branch. My current interests are in PCB design, as I've been interning as a PCB Layout Designer at a defense and aerospace subcontractor. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games with friends and listening to jazz music.



Darian Victoria

California State University Long Beach

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Hi, my name is Darian! I'm a senior at CSULB with interest in rocketry, photography, hanging out with my dog, and designing my own electronics!

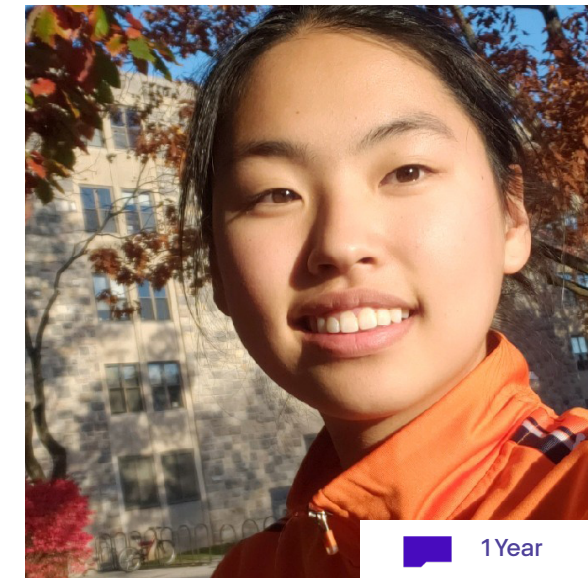


Uzair Syed

Case Western Reserve University

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Hi, I'm Uzair! I study EE at CWRU.



Jiyeon Paik

Virginia Tech

[LinkedIn](#)

Computer Engineering @ Virginia Tech



 1 Year

Ant Lakatos

Boise State University

[LinkedIn](#)

I go by Ant. I grew up in Nampa, Idaho, and moved to Kaohsiung, Taiwan in 2015. After returning briefly to the Idaho, I moved to Savonlinna, Finland in 2018 and returned once again to Boise in 2020, starting as an undergrad in Electrical Engineering. At Boise State I met my wife and got married in 2023, then graduated with my Electrical Engineering bachelors in 2024. I am currently a second year PhD student at Boise State University in the Integrated Bioelectronic Medicine lab, where I work on a range of different things, from integrating health monitoring system's into NASA's Mars Space Habitats, to developing implantable microelectronics for peripheral nerve neuromodulation.



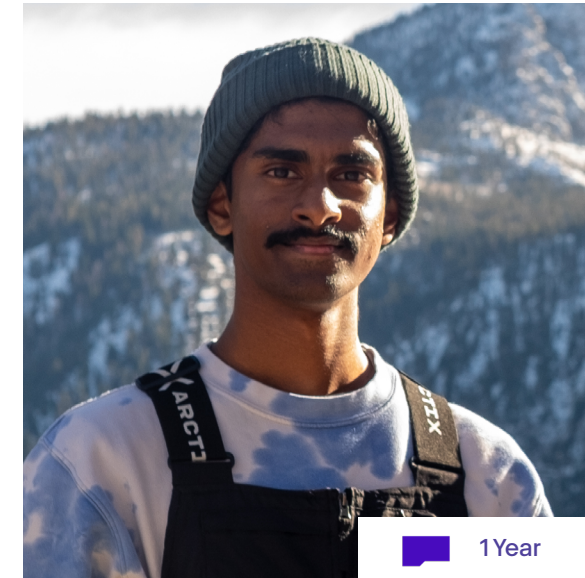
 1 Year

Shruti Garg

The Ohio State University

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Hi! My name is Shruti Garg, I will be an upcoming Senior at The Ohio State University. I am studying Computer Science and Engineering with a focus in AI!



 1 Year

Ramaditya Kotha

UCLA

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Hi! My name is Rama. I'm currently an undergrad studying Electrical Engineering at UCLA. Some of my interests include embedded systems, machine learning, and control theory. In my spare time, I enjoy photography, woodworking, and cycling!

Incoming students





Hector Eduardo Tovar Mendoza

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)

[LinkedIn](#)

I'm a Robotics student with experience in robotics systems, software engineering, and computer vision models. I enjoy building technology that solves real-world problems. Outside of tech, I love playing video games and going hiking to disconnect and recharge.



Anay Sehgal Sehgal

University of Cincinnati

[LinkedIn](#)

Hi, I'm Anay Sehgal. I'm currently studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, with a strong interest in semiconductors and chip design. I'm passionate about hands-on research, especially in material science and electrochemistry, and recently completed a co-op focused on graphene-modified carbon fiber electrodes. Outside of academics, I enjoy running, playing piano, and staying involved in engineering student organizations.



Jhumar Opinaldo

San Jose State University

[LinkedIn](#)

Hello! I am Jhumar, a computer engineering major at San Jose State University. I enjoy exercising, hanging out with family and friends, and meeting new people!



Nathan Johnson

University of California San Diego

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My name is Nathan! I completed my undergraduate in computer engineering at SDSU, and now I'm doing my master's in electrical and computer engineering at UCSD! In computer engineering, my focus is hardware design (Verilog) and embedded programming (C). I've been focusing heavily on personal projects within the last year, like a smartwatch from scratch and a handheld game console. Outside of academics, my main hobby is video games. I generally like to focus on a competitive game for a while and get as good as I can. Recently, this has been Rocket League and Mario Kart World, but I used to also grind Valorant a lot.



Micah Carson

North Carolina State University

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I am a second-year undergraduate student studying Electrical & Computer Engineering at NC State University. On campus, clubs such as Consult Your Community taught me valuable skills to connect and help grow small businesses in Raleigh. Traveling and experiencing new cultures is one of my favorite hobbies. Growing up overseas, I have visited 20+ countries and have lived in 3! Through various projects I've had the opportunity to program from industrial automation robots down to microcontrollers. I love how computers and electronics replicate the functions of human nature! I look forward to seeing how AI changes the way we design and use electronics.



Andres Luis De Vera

University of Manitoba

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I'm a motivated electrical engineering student at the University of Manitoba with a passion for electronics and power systems. I'm heavily involved in UMSAE, contributing to both the Formula Electric and Formula Combustion teams, with experience in PCB design and troubleshooting using Altium Designer. I also have minor involvement with the Wind Energy Design Team, assisting in drivetrain and blade design. I enjoy understanding the science behind my work and tackling new technical challenges.



Andrew Kazour

Texas A&M University

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I am a Computer engineering student at Texas A&M University. I have done a lot of robotics through my years in College and in Highschool whether it be the Software or Hardware side. I am the president of the Texas A&M Robomasters team where I first started as a hardware member and rose up to a lead and then the president. I have interned at the Devcom Army Research Laboratory and Digikey which grew my passion for electrical circuits and electromagnetism. I am now focused on robotics, electronics, and PCB design for my career and internships.



Luka Sbityakov

North Carolina State University at Raleigh

[LinkedIn](#)

I'm a Computer Engineering major at NC State with a minor in Music Performance. As a member of the Grand Challenges Scholars Program, I'm focused on securing the cyberspace that the digital world depends on. My technical experience includes designing and building embedded systems, working with microcontrollers, developing algorithms, and programming in C, C++, and MATLAB. I enjoy hands-on prototyping, from breadboards to protoboards. Outside of engineering, I am a trombonist in NC State's various musical ensembles. I enjoy making music together with all the groups I play with, from a variety of people and instruments in concert band, to a simple duet with another trombonist. Music gives me a balance to my technical work and a chance to connect with others through performance.



Yara Al-Shorman

University of Washington

[LinkedIn](#)

I completed my Bachelors in computer engineering at the University of Kansas, and I starting a PhD program in Electrical and Computer Engineering at UW this fall! I am excited about computer architecture and chip design.



Rabia Hamurcu

Technical University of Munich

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I am a master's student in Communication and Electronics Engineering at the Technical University of Munich, with a dual bachelor's background in Electrical & Electronics and Biomedical Engineering. I am passionate about fostering innovation, collaboration, and community in the engineering field.



Vincent Krenz

UCLA

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Hi! My name is Vinny and I'm an electrical engineering student at the University of California, Los Angeles. I currently design electronics for an off-road racing team!



Stephanie Chu

The University of Hawaii at Manoa

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Hi, I'm Stephanie Chu and I'm a senior at the University of Hawaii at Manoa studying electrical engineering with a concentration in signals and systems. I especially am interested in RF engineering and hope to be in that field someday. I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i with a ton of aloha pride. In my spare time, I enjoy playing pickleball, reading, and going shopping.



Rose Evangeline Anne Dagman Destor

Singapore University of Design and Technology

[LinkedIn](#)

I'm Rose, a student with a passion for tech and storytelling. From robotics to ML, I enjoy diving into projects and creating content that sparks interest. When I'm not studying, I usually tinker with gadgets or learning something cool with AI.



Bobby Gu

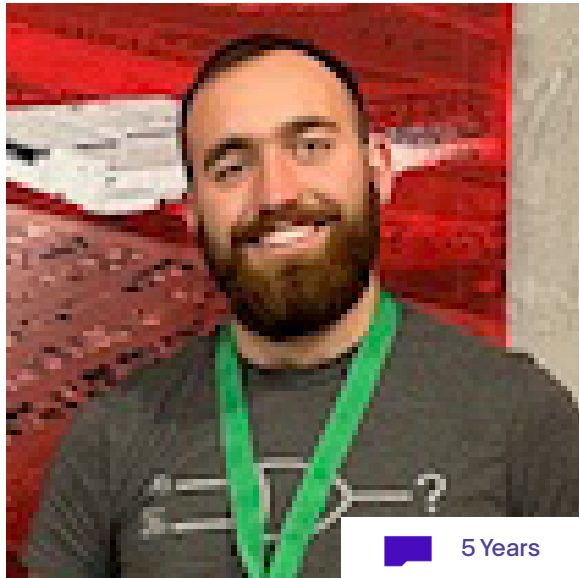
Purdue University

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I am a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University with a focus on semiconductors and microelectronics. My interests lie in advanced packaging, nanofabrication, and heterogeneous integration. I am involved with VIP Semiconductors @ Purdue. I enjoy playing golf on the weekends.

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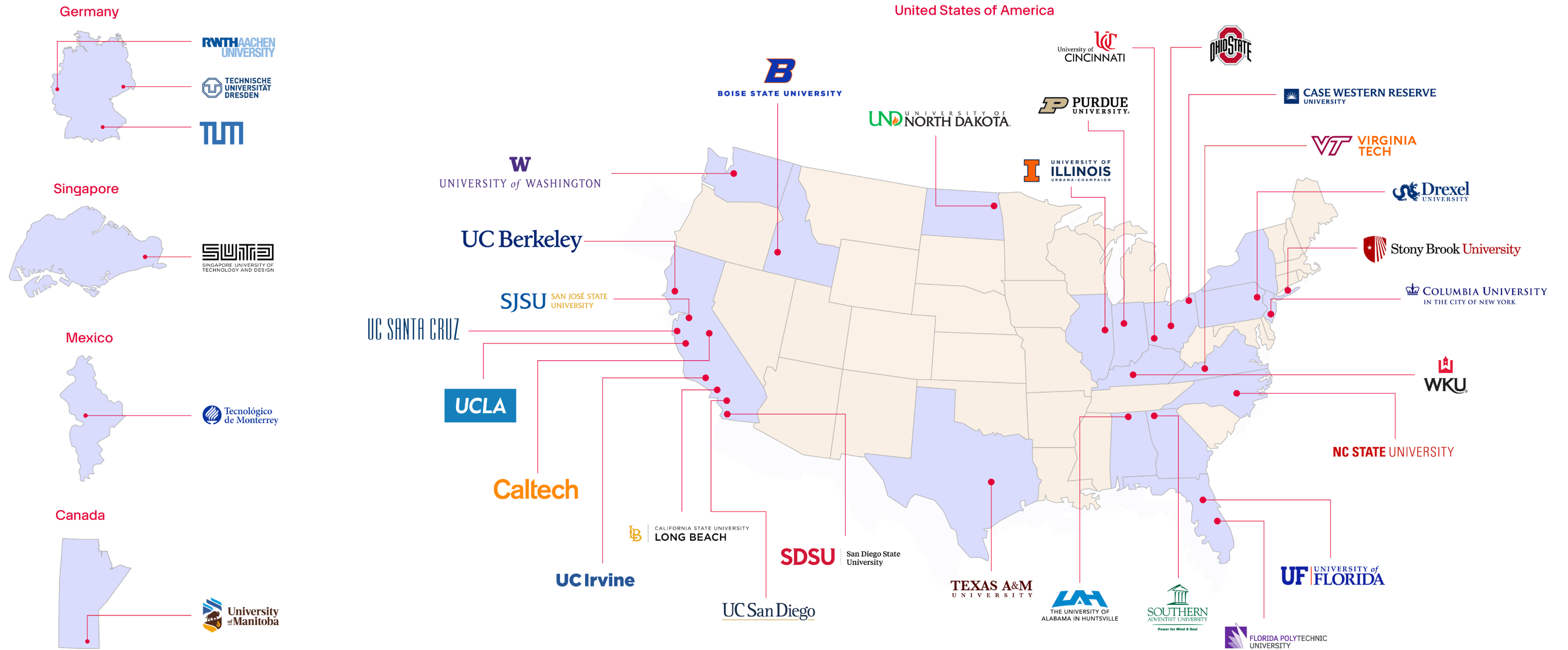




Will Siffer

[LinkedIn](#)

After graduating from Purdue in 2023, I have continued as an ambassador while building my career in control systems at Polaris in St. Paul, MN. Outside of working on electronics, I enjoy hiking, camping, and being outside in general. Feel free to reach out to me to talk about projects, resumes or even internships!



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