



# ATHLETE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

9 Questions with

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## What made you choose engineering?

I chose engineering for its combination of problem-solving and applicability. I have always enjoyed solving problems, particularly in my math and science classes in earlier grades. I also enjoy building with my hands, reflected by my enjoyment of Legos and wooden building kits as a kid.

## What is your favorite place in San Luis Obispo County and why?

One of my favorite places I've visited is the Cal Poly Architecture Graveyard. Going a few days after it rained, all the surrounding mountains were covered in bright green grass, and it suddenly felt like I was very far away from the rest of the city. The few hours I spent out there felt like a small retreat from the busyness of campus and school life.

## What are your hobbies?

I can often be found reading in my spare time, usually in the science fiction or fantasy genre, and particularly sitting out in the sun when the weather is nice. I also enjoy drawing with a pencil, charcoal or a combination of both, and I am always happy to make cookies on weekends!

## What has been your favorite class and why?

My favorite class has been the IME 144 design and manufacturing course I took during my first-ever quarter on campus. The class involved using the lathes and mills to machine various parts and projects and learning SolidWorks. Being able to create something tangible from a 3D model was something I really enjoyed.

## What do you think engineering's biggest impact on the world will be in the future?

Engineering has applications across nearly every industry, and as such its opportunities are nearly endless. Allowing and promoting the continuation of engineering as a field is something which

is key to allowing large impacts and changes to occur.

## Do you have a scholarship to help with your Cal Poly education?

Thanks to Cal Poly Athletics, I am on an athletic scholarship.

## Why did you choose to attend Cal Poly, and what was the path that brought you here?

My path to Cal Poly began with my education at Scripps Ranch High School in San Diego. Through my physics and math classes, I found I wanted to continue my education in engineering. As a pole vaulter on my high school track team, I chose Cal Poly for its combination of strong programs in engineering and track and field. When I visited colleges, I was further impressed by the track team as well as the beauty of the San Luis Obispo area.

## Describe your experience as an athlete at Cal Poly.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as an athlete at Cal Poly. The team is very supportive of each other and provides a great opportunity to learn more about the community and school, particularly as a freshman. While being an athlete does add a considerable amount to my workload, it has been very worthwhile.

## What is your favorite part about being a student-athlete?

My favorite aspect has been getting to know the team. Knowing they are there to support you when you have a bad competition provides extra motivation over the following days of training. Knowing they have been through similar experiences allows for a unique bond among team members.

