

I am James Luo and I will be running for ACM Event Manager. I want to be your event manager because I want to organize events that will help grow members professionally.

In the year 2017, we placed 38 on the MLH leaderboard beating Berkeley. My goal as an event manager is to help our school improve on this leaderboard by increasing participation.

As someone who has been to over 10 hackathons, going to hackathons means connection with people in industry and boosts on resume. I've also been asked questions about my hackathon projects in interviews with companies like Google.

Getting members to go to hackathons will benefit our mentor-mentee program since it will allow mentees to get into project building. For example, I took my mentee Steven to hackUCI and he ended up finishing a project for the first time at a hackathon.

The way I am going to get more ACM members to go to hackathons is by providing an easy way to find carpools and team members. For example, when we went to hackUCI, I helped organize our Slack channel.

As for preparing for hackathons, we should go over interesting APIs and frameworks along with new languages every week. For example, if TwitchHacks is coming up, we should learn how to interact with the Twitch API with JS. So when you are at the hackathon, you have an idea about how to use that very special API to win awesome prizes.

I also want to improve our competitive programming team by having technical interview boot camps. This way members are able to gain skills needed to pass technical interviews needed to land offers at competitive companies, while at the same time increase our rankings in ICPC.

We should also push for more social events, like Boba socials and rock climbing events. This will allow members to network with each other.

As a part of the ACM board, back resources like our iOS developer license. I also have contributed to the club by mentoring giving both workshops and interviews to ACM members. As someone who is very involved with ACM. I want to make changes that would benefit everyone in the club and this is why I decided to run as event manager the day the forms came out because I believe that I can make a difference being your event manager. Thank you for considering me for the role of ACM Event Manager.