

# Mark Diaz

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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) — BS, Computer Engineering** *Expected Graduation: June 2026*

- Relevant Coursework: Systems and Signals, Logic Design of Digital Systems, Computer Systems Architecture, Operating Systems Principles, Data Structures and Algorithms, Introduction to Machine Learning

## EXPERIENCE

**Raytheon Technologies — Hardware Engineering Intern** **NAS Point Mugu - June 2023 - September 2023**

- Designed firmware (**VHDL**) for Artix-7 FPGA with PCIe carrier card and Digital IO module using **Xilinx Vivado** resulting in a **30%** increase in efficiency in the test station as opposed to previous FPGA
- Integrated new FPGA with software (C++) by changing the API calls that handled data transferring removing the need for any software engineers to be involved
- Utilized hardware debugging techniques, including analyzing schematics and using a **DMM / Oscilloscope**
- Modified and created layout schematics using **OrCAD Capture CIS** to replace flawed drawings saving **hundreds of hours** in labor costs

**LawNET IT — Student Technician** *Sept 2022 – June 2023*

- Collaborated with a team **10** technicians on a ticket-based system to resolve IT issues
- Supported computer hardware maintenance by repairing and replacing computer parts
- Assisted and communicated with **20-30** Law Staff and Faculty each week about varying technology problems

**Play-Well TEKnologies — Engineering Instructor** *June 2022 - September 2022*

- Taught **14-24** middle school students robotics using Lego EV3 Kits each week
- Created lesson plans to teach robotics using engineering concepts
- Developed leadership and communication skills through teaching

## TECHNICAL PROJECTS

**SOLES AI – Project Lead** *SOLES | SHPE at UCLA, Fall 2023 - Present*

- Leading a machine learning club with over **30** members in deep learning projects
- Designed workbooks and lesson plans for data science tools such as: **NumPy**, **Pandas**, and **Matplotlib**
- Creating a collaborative environment making AI more accessible to students in SOLES

**NASA Robotic Mining Competition: Lunabotics** *SOLES | SHPE at UCLA, Fall 2022 - Present*

- Creating a lunar rover with a multi-disciplinary team of **20** engineers
- Programming (C) the embedded system utilizing microcontrollers like the Arduino and STM32
- Competing in the NASA Lunabotics competition with over **100** schools

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- *Center for Excellence in Engineering and Diversity (CEED)*
- *Society of Latinx Engineers and Scientists | Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers- UCLA (SOLES | SHPE)*
- *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- VHDL / Verilog, Vivado, OrCAD Capture CIS, Hardware Debugging, C/C++, OpenMP, Python, Git, Linux / Bash, x86 / Arm Assembly, Spanish

## HONORS/AWARDS

- Hispanic Scholarship Federation (June 2022)
- Valedictorian- Capuchino High School (May 2022)
- Rotary International- San Bruno (May 2022)

## PERSONAL

- Basketball
- Weightlifting
- Guitar