

Email from Daniel Xue

UPenn , Class of 2025

Majoring in Computer Science, and Networked & Social Systems
Engineering

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11th Grade



6th Grade

DANIEL XUE

Daniel joined SR since his early middle school, till 11th grade. He has held instructor

Dear Ms. Elizabeth and Mr. Dennis,

I wanted to share some good news about college decisions! I am thrilled and grateful to be choosing between two amazing programs--Turing Scholars at UT Austin and the Networked & Social Systems Engineering (NETS) major at UPenn. I am still very unsure about which one I will attend, especially because they are very different and unique programs, but both make me very excited for the next four years of my life.

Thank you for everything you've done for me since I first began at Storming Robots back in early middle school. SR's focus on algorithmic thinking has inspired my interest in Computer Science, whether through Algorithms in C or competitions like RCJ focused on autonomous robotics. I was always enamored by the intelligence that programs and robots could possess, and SR provided me with the skills to bring my own autonomous beasts to life.

My growth and recent success owes a lot to you two. All the time Ms. Elizabeth spent to help and mentor me, from my first Algorithms course to RCJ line to all the years competing in Maze and then in ZeroRobotics and all those years as an instructor, you've constantly been there to guide and advise me. And of course, who can forget all those hours in Dennis's office debugging every imaginable possible issue or learning how to operate a nifty new software or hardware tool and invariably getting sidetracked by whatever new piece of technology arrived at SR for the students to play with. The time you spent with me and the other students, during late nights at SR and around the world for competitions, has been one of the strongest forces in my development as a student and person.

As I enter into the next phase of my life, I am immensely excited to continue pursuing Computer Science in college, likely with a parallel focus in public policy (one thing that was not lost on me during my time at SR was the impact that what I was learning could have on the world around me). Though I am unsure of what my future holds, I am immensely grateful to you two for helping open up the world of possibilities before me.

Sincerely yours,
Daniel Xue