



# “Destinations” Interview Questions



**Name:** Yi Fang Chiu

**Destination:** UC Berkeley

**Career goal:** Computer Engineer

**What is your favorite subject/class & why?** Mathematics because there is only one answer to the problem but several ways to reach that answer.

**Who is your favorite teacher & why?** Mrs. Pagani because she makes math so fun! She teaches not only with notes but through songs, dances, and odd tricks. At first, I didn't enjoy the weirdness, but I have learned to love it. I have found the tricks useful during AP tests.

**What is your favorite high school memory?** Having a picnic with my best friends at the park being carefree, talking, rolling down the grassy hill, and playing basketball with Taylor Swift blasting in the background.

**Who/what is your biggest influence & why?** My brother is my biggest influence because his perseverance throughout high school and college inspires me. He also emails weekly articles and calls me to see how I am doing. If I ever need advice, he is always there for me, whether it be about balloting for classes or how to improve in a certain subject. He was also the person that furthered my interest in the field of computer science, for he himself has studied the subject in college and is now working at a startup company in San Francisco.

**What is the most important lesson you learned?** I have learned that I have limits; I cannot do everything nor be perfect at everything, either.

**What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?** I encourage incoming freshmen to step out of their comfort zone; they should try new activities and classes because they may find new passions, as I have. Besides finding new interests, joining different clubs and sports, as well as volunteering around the city, allows for meeting students of all types of backgrounds and interests.

**Why did you select your destination?** Every student I met during my visit to UC Berkeley was passionate about learning and all possessed unique talents. I want to be surrounded by peers who will push me to reach my full potential, and UC Berkeley is that place.

**How did Modesto City Schools prepare you for your future?** Modesto City Schools taught me how to balance my social life and school life, as well as time management. It has also offered advanced classes that I can now get credit for in college.

**In what extracurricular activities did you participate**

**(clubs/music/chorus/athletics)?** Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, Speech and Debate, Tennis, Basketball, Volunteer at Doctors Medical Center, Volunteer at the Discovery Shop, Volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club at Somerset, Interact Club, Calculus Club, and Chemistry Club.

**What is your favorite quote or saying?** “Open different doors. You may find a ‘you’ there that you never knew was yours. Anything can happen.” -- *Mary Poppins*