Meet Sam Christensen, a senior in electrical engineering from San Diego. Sam enjoys tinkering with circuits and drones, but his next chapter is law school, and his big dream is to become a Supreme Court justice. Professional and academic endeavors aside, Sam enjoys the outdoors, English lit, and the cinematic stylings of Will Smith. Get to know Sam!

**Q:** Why did you decide to study engineering?

**A:** I decided to study electrical engineering after a college outreach program I attended at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). I was in seventh grade, but it stuck!

**Q:** What has been the best part of your engineering education so far?

**A:** I have enjoyed so many things! At the top of the list, club involvement, research opportunities, and the fascinating coursework!

**Q:** Are you involved in research?

**A:** Yes, I do research with Dr. Christensen in the Autonomy Lab. We study navigation and controls for autonomous vehicles. I’ve worked on a number of projects, including building drones, configuring a motion-tracking camera system, and localization with RFID tags.

**Q:** Are you involved in any clubs or student organizations?

**A:** I joined IEEE as a freshman and have served as a secretary and president. I enjoy the opportunities to serve other students and network with students, faculty, and industry members.

**Q:** What are your hobbies?

**A:** Jiu-jitsu, canoeing, and backpacking

**Q:** What is the best thing you’ve read in the last month?

**A:** I’m reading ‘The Brothers Karamazov’; it’s really good!

**Q:** What’s your favorite place you’ve ever visited?

**A:** Mt. Tallac in Lake Tahoe

**Q:** Favorite movie?

**A:** “The Pursuit of Happiness”

**Q:** What is your favorite class?

**A:** Circuits 1!

**Q:** What’s an idea or quote you live by?

**A:** “Do a good turn daily.”

**Q:** Who is your hero?

**A:** Clarence Thomas

**Q:** What topic do you wish more people would learn about?

**A:** English literature

**Q:** What is your advice to younger students or incoming freshmen?

**A:** Get involved! You’ll never regret making friends at USU, and having their support, and advice will transform your time here!