

My name is **Diego Villasenor** and I'm currently working for Microsoft in Seattle, WA for the Skype division.

- **McCabe School (El Centro, CA)**
- **Southwest High School (El Centro, CA) – {2002 – 2006}**
 - MESA Program 2004-2006: <http://ivmesaprogram.org>, Math Competitions, Mouse Trap Competitions, Website Competitions
 - AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature, AP Calculus
 - Varsity Soccer
 - After School Tutor
- **UC Riverside, Bachelors of Science, Computer Science (Riverside, CA) – {2006-2010}**
 - Academic Excellence Workshop Facilitator for Computer Science Courses
 - Academic Success Counselor for Engineering Students
 - Student Research in Engineering
 - UCLEADS research program in UCSD, UCR for two summers
 - President of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 - President of Bourns College of Engineering Council
 - Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
 - MESA Volunteer
 - Association of Computing Machinery Member
- **UC Los Angeles, Masters of Science, Computer Science (Los Angeles, CA) – {2010-2012}**
 - Interned at Microsoft for Lync

MESA introduced me to engineering which brought forth challenges and opportunities that helped shape who I am today.

I was lucky to have MESA introduce me to the world of engineering. Through their MESA Day Events, University Campus visits, and wonderful faculty, I was given the courage to go ahead and pursue an education in the University of California school system.

After graduating from Southwest High School, I was accepted into the Computer Science engineering program at University of California, Riverside. I found myself a little scared at first since I was overwhelmed by the students, the campus, and engineering, but the MESA program prepared me well. I ended up looking for similar opportunities at the UCR campus and was able to find many academic clubs and activities that helped me become successful in my undergraduate career.

I was deeply fascinated by Computer Science that I felt that a Bachelors in Science wasn't good enough. I wanted to learn how engineers came up with the research to develop algorithms to work on tough problems which led me to graduate school. How do you connect the millions of people on the web socially? How can one make memory on a laptop faster and run more efficient? How do cell phone companies know which cell phone tower you are located in? Those were questions that kept driving my curiosity and helped me finish my graduate degree at UCLA.

Now, I'm at Microsoft working for Skype as a Software Developer Engineer in Test. I'm working alongside very brilliant people that are trying to connect millions of people around all over the world across many different devices while solving very tough engineering problems. Many problems that have never been solved before, and I'm right there in the middle of it.

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