

lev Chhoung Khov graduated in 2016. He attended UC Davis as a Computer Science student. He also joined clubs to build connections and made new acquaintances that helped him throughout college. He was fortunate to work on the UC Davis mobile apps while in college and it prepared him a lot for a future in the industry. Most of the friends and acquaintances he made along the way proved to be long lasting connections that he is still connected with. In addition, he took finance classes to prepare him for adult life and he recommends these types of classes to everyone who needs to learn about credit cards, investing, and budgeting.

He is currently working as a Software Engineer at the College Board where he is utilizing his skills and knowledge to bring digital SAT and AP exams to millions of students around the world. Although his work is focused more on software development, he is working on honing his leadership skills so he can go into a managerial position and eventually a directorial position. Since he works remotely, he moved back to Fresno to be closer with his family and will be staying put for a few years before deciding his next step.

During hi time at SHS, he was lost and didn't know what he wanted to do as a career. He decided to join AVID hoping he could find his calling along the way. He tried many things like dabbling in leadership, academic decathlon, and math club, but nothing really stuck. He discovered that he liked programming when he took AP Computer Science with Angela Armstrong and decided to apply to UCs as a Computer Science major. In a way, AVID helped me discover his interest by encouraging him to take as many AP classes as possible and he is truly grateful. He appreciates all the help I got from Amanda Peterson and Francine Pedersen during his time in AVID.

This is his advice for current Wildcats: "Take as many AP classes as you can in high school. It'll help you discover your interests and if you pass the tests, you might earn enough credit to skip a quarter or semester in college. In college, try to make as many friends as you can because they will keep you sane during all the late-night studies and all-nighters. Join clubs in college that are related to your majors so you can have the opportunity to speak with people who are already working in the industry and build connections. Start looking for internships in November starting your freshman year. Companies have special internships for college freshmen and sophomores. Take financial literacy classes so you can be prepared for adulthood after college. Make a LinkedIn as soon as you can and start connecting with your classmates. Reach out to past AVID alumni on there and some will be nice enough to refer or connect you to internship opportunities in college. Anyone thinking of majoring in computer science can reach out to me on LinkedIn."