

What does Special Relativity and Engineering Have in Common: Clinton Weir

Choosing a Career and a College.

At this time in history, Physics is an exciting field of study. For example, just one hundred years ago Albert Einstein challenged everything we know about the universe with Special and General Relativity. We are still struggling to comprehend the implications of his theories. Yet, we are reasonably close to developing a complete model of the universe. It is this quest for understanding, which I learned about from educational television and the Internet in the three years between my time of graduation from high school and my enrollment at DACC that convinced me to pursue college. I decided I wanted to learn as much about the field of physics as possible so I would be more qualified to answer the two most basic questions a man can ask: How did it all begin, and how will it all end?

However, I realized that if I was going to spend considerable time and money pursuing my interest in Physics, I needed to at least be preparing for a career in the process, so I needed to find a major that would allow me to satisfy my intellectual curiosity while also promising a respectable occupation. This is how I arrived at engineering which is both deeply rooted in Physics and considerably employable.

I chose DACC for my studies for some rather unexciting reasons: it was in close proximity to me, the price was right, and, thanks to the open admission policy, I was able to begin classes almost immediately. Since I started classes at DACC, I have realized it was the right decision for many more reasons. Classes at DACC are much smaller than what would be found at a University, cultivating peer interaction and allowing individual attention from instructors. Additionally, since it is common to share several classes with other students, it is possible to have one study group for several classes. Additionally, in part due to the 21st Century Scholarship and as a student of DACC Engineering, I was eligible and was hired for an internship with Time-o-matic which provides financial security immediately and material for my resume later. So, I can honestly say that due to my decision to pursue Engineering at DACC, I expect to be a step ahead in education and in life.