

LORREN VANZILE

Lorren Vanzile, a 20-year-old from Desert Hot Springs, is a current student at the University of California, Riverside, and will graduate in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in biology. You might also see him at UCR Palm Desert, where he works as an administrative assistant.

Here's a little bit more about what Lorren likes to do and why UCR was the best fit for him.

UCR Palm Desert: What do you plan to do after you get your bachelor's degree?

Lorren Vanzile: The goal is to go to medical school for anesthesia and eventually become an anesthesiologist.

UCRPD: How long have you known what you wanted to do with your career?

LV: Ever since I was in fifth grade, when I decided I wanted to be a doctor. I knew I couldn't handle going all the way up to being a surgeon, but an anesthesiologist sounded like a good fit. I'm very particular when it comes to numbers and exact measurements.

UCRPD: Why did you decide to attend UCR?

LV: Back when I was in middle school, I heard about the School of Medicine opening up at UCR, and I liked that it was close to home. Also I heard they reserve a certain number of spots for UCR students, so that made it appealing. It seemed like a good way to give me an advantage with medical school.

UCRPD: For the past three years you've made the commute from Desert Hot Springs to Riverside for your classes. How do you pass the drive time?

LV: Music, always.

UCRPD: What advice do you have for any students who might be considering UCR?

LV: Buckle down and study now. That's definitely the hardest thing going from high school to college. Because even if you're really smart in high school, you won't necessarily be up to par with your study habits.