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Weston currently studies Industrial and Systems Engineering as a junior, scheduled to graduate in 2021. Paired with his studies, Weston is active in the Greek community as the Vice President of Operations for the Interfraternity Council and a member of his fraternity Delta Sigma Phi. Weston's interests also include entrepreneurship, philosophy, neuroscience, machine learning, spirituality, and jazz.



Born in St Petersburg, Florida as a fisherman, sailor, pianist, scout, and middle of three brothers, Weston's childhood and parents fostered a curious nature within him. Growing up he explored the world, gave his best in his work, and fixed everything around him. As a sailor, he led his ship to win multiple regattas, sail hundreds of miles in the ocean, and build a winning sailboat from scratch. With an architect father in the medical industry and a real estate investing mother, Weston has never been far from his tools and knows how to put a house, engine, car, or boat in working order. Graduating from St Petersburg High School as the most spirited student as well as senior class president, he moved his love for math and physics to the University of Florida where he joined numerous Gators pursuing the same. Away from the saltwater, engines, and musical instruments of home, Weston found a new challenge in entrepreneurship and ever since has been reading nearly a book a week to prepare himself professionally. With a passion for conceptualizing abstract ideas, debating his friends, and hacking biology, Weston strives to move forth into the economy of the 2020's with the worldview and the tools to make an impact.

During the summer of 2018, Weston participated in UF's Entrepreneurship and Empowerment in South Africa Program for six weeks, consulting historically disadvantaged entrepreneurs in Cape Town while learning about consulting and business. During his junior year, Weston began a digital influencer marketing venture to promote local restaurants. Leaving that behind to pursue more technical aspirations, Weston still actively consults fellow student entrepreneurs in their businesses. Weston pursues his dreams in the hopes of leaving a lasting cultural legacy, and hopes that life's adventures lead him far.