

## Transcript for Marcus Lim

### **Tell us your name and a little about yourself:**

**Marcus:** My name is Marcus Lim. I'm a junior here at UTSA, I'm 20 years old and I'm majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

### **How do you define resilience?**

**Marcus:** I define resilience as being stuck somewhere and being able to help others overcome that and I guess where you once were to going towards where you want to be so overcoming something I guess.

### **Describe a challenging issue and how you handled it.**

**Marcus:** Probably the past two years of mechanical engineering, I really disliked this major and over the past two years, I studied my butt off. I've been at the library countless hours, I really gave everything I had in just school in general and that was a big challenge because I don't like mechanical engineering and it's something that I've never liked and I only just did it because my parents wanted me to do it.

### **What specific skills did you use to manage this challenge?**

**Marcus:** My confidence in that what I wanted to do is more purposeful than something I don't want to do. And so, I think I really just told myself that I needed to, you know, figure this out now and figure it out fast because I'm already a junior and so some of the skills were just communicating with my parents and just going towards a direction where I wanted to go to.

### **Looking back, what would you have done differently?**

**Marcus:** Figuring out what I wanted to do because when they ask what do you want to do in your future I feel like it puts a lot of pressure on you and so you do things that other people tell you to do and so you think that's what you want to do. Understanding myself and really figuring what I liked and not what other people like my parents. Figuring that out in the very beginning would have been easier than waiting two years.