

Vita

Adelia C. Valdez is a native of San Diego, California. She obtained a Bachelors of Science, Electrical Engineering, from Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California. While at Santa Clara University, she worked on a student design project building, and designing satellites, which were launched in January 2000.

Adelia continued on with her education by pursuing a Masters Degree of Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University as a GEM fellow. While at Virginia Tech, she conducted research on another satellite project and later research for this thesis. She also was a teaching assistant for lower level Electrical Engineering classes.

Adelia gained industry experience with several internships with Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies. After completing her degree, Adelia will work for the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts. She will work as a communications engineer working on various research projects for military and other customers.

In her spare time, Adelia enjoys mountain biking, running, playing tennis and reading.