

WHAT MAKES CALTECH SPECIAL? After Caltech was named the top university in the world by *Times Higher Education* for the second year running, we asked alums what they think makes the Institute a standout. Here's what they had to say.

THE HONOR CODE: It provides autonomy and responsibility—ideal training for personal integrity.

Caltech did not just teach me how to solve problems, it taught me how to **FIGURE OUT** how to solve problems.

THE PAIN.



Caltech is a very special experience for undergrads. The “introductory” classes are taught by the **GEEK EQUIVALENTS OF ROCK STARS**, and they are full-throttle and exciting. There are opportunities to jump into real research very early on and get a sense for what life in research is like.



Caltech is special because it is a **MERITOCRACY**, **PURE** and **SIMPLE**.

Everyone you encounter there is **INCREDIBLY SMART** and **INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS**.

Caltech is unique for the combination of three things: its **SMALL SIZE**, the **HONOR CODE**, and the **HOUSE SYSTEM**.



It is the best place to **CHALLENGE** one's own limits.

An unapologetic appreciation of all aspects of scientific **UNDERSTANDING FOR ITS OWN SAKE**.