Lela Tu is a rising junior at Midwood High School in Brooklyn. She is very interested in science and has taken extra courses to learn more about the brain and neuroscience. Last year, she was introduced to neuroscience at Columbia's Summer Immersion Program for Pre-college Students. After her internship at CCCEH she will join the Summer Immersion Program again, the class will focus on psychiatric disorders. She shared that she was interested in the CCCEH internship because she wanted to learn about how chemicals can harm children's neurodevelopment.

Lela also really enjoys participating in athletics. She plays both soccer and lacrosse for her school and plays soccer year-round outside of school.