

Dana Cressman

Chemical Engineering

Hometown: North Canton, OH

Student organizations:

- NASA Robotic Mining Competition Team
- Competitive Pistol Team
- Society of Women Engineers



Career after graduation: Food Process Engineer at the J. M. Smucker Company

Why did you choose UA engineering?

I chose UA engineering because it is a strong program and very affordable, allowing me to graduate debt free and with a job!

Why did you choose your major?

I picked chemical engineering because I was not entirely sure what I wanted to do, but I knew I liked chemistry and math. At the time, I was thinking about attending medical school, and chemical engineering would have helped me stand out as a candidate. Chemical engineering also gives me flexibility in areas that I can work as well; I could go into sectors from technology to pharmacy, energy to food. I didn't realize how many fields employ chemical engineers, or how much of the things we buy at the grocery store have been worked on by chemical engineers, until I started this program and went onto co-op.

What is the most valuable things you learned from your experiences at UA?

Though co-op was one great thing about the engineering program, the amount of design teams here has probably been the best thing about the university. They teach you how to work with people outside of your major, and allow you to pick up practical experience and troubleshooting skills, as well as giving you a fun break from classwork!