

Drake Smalley

Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Sacramento, CA

Professional/Student Organizations:

- National Society of Black Engineers
- Zip to STEM



Co-ops/Internships: Zimmer Biomet, Rapid Brands

Research: UA Musculoskeletal Biomechanics Laboratory Undergraduate Design Lead

Why UA College of Engineering?

I chose UA College of Engineering because of its plethora of undergraduate research opportunities and outstanding co-op program.

Why did you choose your major?

I was always fascinated with design as a child. When I wasn't drawing, I was playing with my favorite toys, LEGOs and K'NEX. I took a computer-aided design class and interned at an architecture firm in high school, and these opportunities only increased my interest in engineering and design. I chose to major in mechanical engineering because the program's curriculum covers a wide spectrum of engineering principles.