

## **Kayla Hillegass**

Civil Engineering



**Hometown:** Willoughby Hills, OH

### **Professional/Student Organizations:**

- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Concrete Canoe Team
- Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
- Akron Against Cancer (Treasurer 2014-2015 and 2017-2018)
- University of Akron Marching Band (Flute Squad Leader 2015-2017)

**Co-ops/Internships:** Ohio Department of Transportation District 4 and District 12, Thomarios (with the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel project), OHM Advisors

### **Why UA College of Engineering?**

I chose UA for a variety of reasons: the excellent co-op program, the competitive design teams, the large number of events and special opportunities that a school the size of Akron can offer, and the ability to be a part of student groups both in and outside of my major (and not just be engineering focused but be a well rounded student). The college of engineering has many opportunities beyond the normal lecture and classwork which gives students the tools to make engineering not just a job but a passion.

### **Why did you choose your major?**

I enjoyed logic problems, math, and science growing up and had a strong desire to help others. It was after a high school project, many internet searches about bridges/roads/buildings, and exploring city designing video games that I learned about what civil engineers do and it piqued my interests about the many things I can do and learn about in this major. Being in a field of engineering that creates the biggest impact on people's everyday lives made me want to see how I can make their lives better. That is why I chose to be a civil engineer and focus on transportation.