

## **Luke Held**

Aerospace Systems Engineering

**Hometown:** North Canton, OH

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

- Society of Automotive Engineers Aero Design Team
- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society
- Engineering Student Council
- Research Assistant

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

The University of Akron's College of Engineering offered an experience I couldn't turn down. I knew that UA had a strong engineering program academically - along with a number of great professors to back it up. In addition, I found that there were a slew of award-winning design teams to join, so I could apply the knowledge I gained. Though, most importantly, UA offered a one-of-a-kind co-op program in which I could get a feel for what I could expect in a real engineering job - and make some cash while I was at it.

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

It may sound cliché, but I feel like my major chose me. Ever since I was young, I always had an interest in building - and also breaking apart - anything I could get my hands on. I loved learning how things worked and how things were made. Watching astronauts in movies and wondering about the depths of space led me to gain a further interest in planes and rockets. It all went from there. When I saw that UA offered a degree in Aerospace Systems Engineering - I didn't hesitate.