

## **Russell Catania**

Biomedical Engineering

**Hometown:** Mentor, Ohio

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

- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Tau Beta Pi
- Nuance, UA's premier all-male a cappella group

### **Co-op/Research Experience**

- Biofluid Microtechnology Laboratory
- Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center



### **Why did you choose the University of Akron?**

When I began looking for colleges, I wanted a school that was close to my family and friends, had a strong academic foundation in Biomedical Engineering, and possessed the resources needed for acceptance to medical school. In addition to The University of Akron's excellent scholarship opportunities, it was truly the right choice for my undergraduate education.

### **Why did you choose Biomedical Engineering as your major?**

I chose Biomedical Engineering, specifically biomaterial and tissue science, to give me a competitive edge during the medical school application process and to learn a wide range of physiological application, all while pursuing a field of study that allows me to research as a part of my curriculum.

### **What is the most valuable thing you have learned from your UA experiences?**

The most valuable lesson I have learned at UA is that college is the best full-time job in the world, minus the part where you have to pay. Use this opportunity to make life-long friends, learn what you are passionate about, and chase your dreams in the safety net created by your peers and instructors.

### **What advice would you give to an incoming engineering student?**

When you come to The University of Akron for engineering, hit the ground running. College is not like a marathon—the end of the race is easier than the beginning. Save the brisk jog for last 2 miles, and make sure that you use the 2 years before your first co-op to get a high GPA, establish good mentors and study groups, and enjoy the fun Akron has to offer.