

# Stephen Conklin

Biomedical Engineering

**Hometown:** Montville, Ohio

## Professional/Student Organizations:

- Biomedical Engineering Society
- Biomedical Engineering Design Team
- Presidential Student Ambassador
- Akron Against Cancer, President
- Engineering Student Council, Class Representative



## Co-op/Research Experience

- Biomedical Engineering Research Lab, Student Lab assistant for Dr. Brian Davis' Biomechanics Lab.
- US Endoscopy, Medical Device Company

## Why did you choose the University of Akron?

Choosing UA as my school felt like destiny as I was following in my dad's footsteps, an alumnus of The College of Engineering. What I did not know, however, was just how many opportunities Akron provides for students. The College of Engineering, specifically, pushes students to engage themselves in design teams, research experiences, volunteer work, and co-ops. These activities set Akron students apart when applying for jobs. Also, the students are more than just a number, and you really get the sense of that when visiting campus. These are the things that drove me to choose Akron, and the things that make me continue to choose Akron every day.

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

As the time got closer to choosing a major, I knew that I wanted to be able to create things that would improve the lives of others. Biomedical Engineering gives me the best of both worlds in allowing me to use my love of math and science, and passion for helping others, all within the same discipline.

## Who was the person that really inspired you here at the University of Akron and why?

To me, I don't think it was one person that has inspired me during my time here, but rather an entire department of people. The College of Engineering prides itself on not only producing well-rounded students academically, but students that graduate eager to make the world a better place. Seeing other students on design teams winning first place in a national competition or students on the BME Design Team create something to improve the life of someone that they may have never even met is inspiring. The stories that come out of The College of Engineering every semester are what inspire me most about Akron and make me proud to be a Zip.