

# Sydney Kandray

Biomedical Engineering (Biomechanics)

**Hometown:** Gnadenhutten, Ohio

## **Professional/Student Organizations:**

- Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
- Biomedical Engineering Design Team
- Zips Recruiting Club
- Tau Beta Pi

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

- Yanke Bionics (Lab Technician)
- Biomechanics and Gait Laboratory



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

I loved that the class sizes were smaller for a large university, so I could obtain a more personal education experience while forming strong relationships with professors. The University of Akron community is also incredibly friendly and welcoming! I was swayed by its charm.

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

I chose Biomedical Engineering because I wanted to help solve medical problems instead of just treating them! Biomedical engineers play a huge role in medical research and product development/safety. I also had a huge interest in prosthetics and Biomedical Engineering was just the perfect fit for me.

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

To get out of your comfort zone! College is a place where you discover your passions and forge a career path for yourself. So leave all that high school stigma behind, and pursue YOUR interests. Don't be afraid to join a student organization because you don't know anyone. I guarantee you will meet individuals with similar interests and form lifelong friendships. UA provides such a diverse and wonderful community that allows you to get uncomfortable and grow, not only as a student but as a person.

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

Don't be afraid to ask for help! You are going into a very difficult major and it is okay that you don't know everything. Be patient with yourself and use all of your available resources. The professors and tutors are there to help you, so use them. I promise you will be better off instead of struggling by yourself.