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Electrical Engineering

Hometown: Columbia, Maryland

Professional/Student Organizations:

- Engineering Student Council
- Events Coordinator for Tau Beta Pi
- Electronics Club
- National Association of Engineering Student Councils (NAESC)



Co-op/Research Experience

- Agratronix
- Diebold Nixdorf

Why did you choose the University of Akron?

I chose the University of Akron because of the immense amount of scholarship opportunities as well as how welcoming everyone was on campus. When I came to tour Akron, I just stumbled into the Dean's Office at The College of Engineering, where I was given a private tour that lasted three hours. This really showed me how much the professors really value students – both incoming and current.

Why did you choose Electrical Engineering as your major?

I chose Electrical Engineering because I had always excelled in math and science. Through my high school's Project Lead the Way program, I had the opportunity to take a "Digital Electronics" class, which introduced me to a little bit about electrical engineering. I also attended many engineering and STEM events throughout high school to determine what STEM field I really wanted to get into.

What advice would you give to an incoming engineering student?

I would say that it is okay to accept that you're not good at something. You may have received good grades throughout your entire school career, but there will always be a class you might not like or where things might not click right away.

What resources were provided at the University of Akron to help you succeed as an engineering student?

I think that the college size is one thing that really helps. Even though the College of Engineering is fairly large, the classes are a reasonable size, which allows students the opportunity to really interact with professors if they choose to. The college also has an excellent tutoring program to help students succeed in their classes, which is another plus!