

# Olivia Chapman

Mechanical Engineering  
Chemistry Minor

**Hometown:** Oil City, Pa

## **Professional/Student Organizations:**

- Tau Beta Pi Honors Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society
- Golden Key International Honors Society
- Biomedical Engineering Design Team
- Society of Women Engineers
- Akron General- Cleveland Clinic Volunteer



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

- LORD Corporation
- Kennametal Inc.
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Lab Volunteer

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

As an out-of-state student, Akron appealed to me because of its campus atmosphere while still being in a city. The facilities Akron offered and the student organizations were intriguing to me. After meeting with faculty in the engineering department, I felt that Akron was the right choice for me because of all the opportunities it offered such as co-op experience and on-campus research. I felt that the engineering program would set me up for success after graduation.

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

I started as a Biomedical Engineering Major with Medical School in mind. I changed to Mechanical Engineering with a Chemistry Minor after the first semester of my Sophomore Year because it allowed me to still obtain Biomechanical Engineering Jobs and apply to Medical School if I chose, but it allowed me to broaden my understanding of mechanics through experiences in aerospace and machinery.

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

My advice to incoming students would be to find good study spots, do lots of practice problems, find good friends to relate to, and learn how to make coffee.

## **What is the most valuable thing that the College of Engineering has taught you?**

One of the most valuable things that the College of Engineering has taught me is that no matter the type of engineering, it is a great choice of a degree. Choosing engineering allows you to learn how to critically think, manage time and tasks, and seek real world experience in various scenarios.