

Mechanical Engineering
Spanish Minor

Hometown: Middlefield, OH

Professional/Student Organizations:

- Engineering Service Design Team
- RooCatholic Campus Ministry

Co-op/Research Experience

- General Motors



Why did you choose the University of Akron?

The University of Akron has a strong reputation as a good engineering school and is affordable. I've found that there are many opportunities to get involved on and off campus, to grow as a future engineer, and to make a difference. I certainly don't regret coming to UA!

Why did you choose Mechanical Engineering as your major?

I chose engineering because I wanted to help people and I loved my math and science classes. Having grown up on a farm, I liked the hands-on, real life connections I could see within mechanical engineering.

What advice would you give to an incoming engineering student?

Network! Get to know your classmates and talk with your professors. Take advantage of all the people willing to help you, academically or otherwise.

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

I am part of the Engineering Service Design Team. As our name implies, we do engineering-related community service work for nonprofits and individuals in the greater Akron area. Several of my classmates are on the team, and last year one of these guys suggested a project that would help one of our own Mechanical Engineering classmates who is limited to a wheelchair. Our classmate had a difficult time using the desks in the classrooms, so my teammate has been leading a project to design and construct a desk that can attach to the side of our classmate's powered wheelchair. The desk is powered and will fold up from alongside the chair and then across in front of our classmate, so that he has his own portable desk. It is awesome to see my teammates jumping to help our classmate, applying what we are all learning to help out someone right here in class with us.