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Mechanical Engineering
Sculpture Minor

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Co-op/Research Experience

- Criterion Tool and Die- Machining Apprentice/
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Why did you choose the University of Akron?

I chose the University of Akron because I was really drawn in by how much you can do as an undergraduate student. From research, to design teams, to co-ops. I felt as though this was the right place for me to continue my education.



Why did you choose Mechanical Engineering as your major?

I chose to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering because I realized I needed to continue my education to get the job I wanted to have after I went to technical school for precision machining. I have always loved creating things and I felt this was the best major for my interests. When I graduate, I hope to have the theory and understanding from my engineering studies and the experience from my technical degree to become a foreman of a manufacturing company.

What advice would you give to an incoming engineering student?

My advice to any incoming engineering student would be to make friends on campus that you can study with. Having a few people that you can bounce ideas off of is one of the best resources you can have.

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

There are two people at the University of Akron that really inspired me. The first person is Dr. Mary Verstraete. I met her during Tier One of Pink Gloves Boxing at the Rec. She is down-to-earth and really helped me narrow down how to get where I want to be. The second inspirational person is Professor Kate Budd. She is a professor and lead in the sculpture department in the Meyer's School of Art. She helped me bridge the gap between engineering and art. She taught me that even things that are built without a purpose still support meaning, and craftsmanship is just as important as doing well on a midterm. She gave me an outlet for creativity and to allow my ideas to pull from all subjects and become a well-developed piece. I am very thankful for the faculty at the University of Akron.