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Biomedical Engineering

Hometown: Columbus, OH

Professional/Student Organizations:

- Zips to STEM
- U of A Ultimate Frisbee

Co-op/Research Experience

- Coltene/Whaledent Inc
- UA Musculoskeletal Biomechanics Laboratory
Undergraduate Student Research Assistant



Why did you choose the University of Akron?

I chose UA College of Engineering because of the plethora of opportunities to get involved in. I was also very impressed with how involved the faculty is with not just the “Prospect Students”, but also any student who shows interest in engineering. I didn’t feel like I was just going to be another engineering student, I felt like I was going to be a part of something bigger.

Why did you choose Biomedical Engineering as your major?

I chose Biomedical Engineering as my major because I have always been very interested in orthopedics and prosthetics. Biomedical Engineering will give me the opportunity to pursue my dreams of designing custom implants and helping people get back to living as normal as a life as possible.

What advice would you give to an incoming engineering student?

Get involved! I know everyone says this, but it really is the best advice I can give you. Being part of something bigger is the best way to meet people and really help you grow as a person and an engineer. The best part about getting involved is that you get to meet people with similar interest, and those are the ones that will be your friends for life.

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

Dr. Marnie Saunders inspired me. I had her as a professor in one of my freshman engineering courses. From day one, she has been nothing but a positive reinforcement and I can’t thank her enough for everything she has done. Dr. Saunders is very intelligent about all things orthopedic biomechanics and is truly an inspiration to me. I hope to one day be half the engineer she is.