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Chemical Engineering

Hometown: Hanoverton, OH

Professional/Student Organizations:

- American Institute for Chemical Engineers, Secretary
- Chemistry Club, Class Representative
- Choose Ohio First STEM, Recruiting Ambassador 2015
- Pink Gloves Boxing

Co-op/Research Experience

- Lubrizol, 4 terms

Why did you choose the University of Akron?

The University of Akron has a very strong co-op program, and a vast amount of opportunities for students to be involved on and off campus. These qualities, along with a nice location near downtown, are the reason I chose The University of Akron.

Why did you choose Chemical Engineering as your major?

I knew engineering was where I belonged since I liked my math and science classes. I decided on Chemical Engineering upon touring a manufacturing facility where I got to learn about the various engineers' duties within their discipline. I picked Chemical Engineering for my interest in the connection between chemistry and technology. The growing world offers something exciting around every corner that challenges me with new projects/problems to solve!

What is the most valuable thing you have learned from your UA experiences?

Teamwork. This may sound simple and easy, but no matter where you work or what job you have, you will have to work with others. Throughout college you will work on many teams for various projects and it is critical that your team works together to be successful.

What advice would you give to an incoming engineering student?

Make time for the things that are important to you. College is a lot of work and requires a lot of study time, but be sure you enjoy it. Take time to do things outside of school to relax and refocus. It may not seem important then, but it will be worth it in the end.

