

HEF Scholarship Recipient

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Jason is currently studying at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and majoring in biological systems engineering. Between studying and classes, Jason has been highly involved in his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. “I knew only my sister coming into college, but immediately I was surrounded by 27 pledge brothers that have become some of my best friends. There have also been many involvement opportunities that I have been opened up to that I would not have known about otherwise. I have also had the great reputation of Beta applied to myself by being associated with it, which has opened doors to me around campus,” Jason said.

When giving advice to future high school graduates, Jason recommends being involved on campus and committing yourself to more than just your academics. “Academics are important, but it is not the only thing. Work hard in your classes but get involved outside of them,” he said.

Jason is grateful for the HEF scholarship because it allowed him to focus on his academics. When looking back on his years at Hudson he is thankful for the AP courses he was able to take. “There was one unit in Biology that Mr. Paulson taught strictly as a college unit, and that greatly helped because it showed what college courses actually are like. Not many high school courses are structured like college courses,” he said.

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