

### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

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# ANDREA RESEARCH & ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (REAP) ALUMNI 2015 & 2016

I am a sophomore undergraduate studying mechanical engineering, I'm doing a project for a course about state-of-the-arts nanomaterials, along with group entrepreneurship projects on campus.

#### **WORDS OF ADUICE**

Be ready and willing to change your thinking process. Be ready for change.

#### **BEST THINGS ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

One of the best aspects of the program was the constant feedback from STEM professionals who have a broad perspective on the field. The mentors were always ready to answer, and we could talk about everything from physics and chemistry to music and fine arts. They inspired me to be a well-rounded and educated individual.

## HOW PARTICIPATING IN AEOP INSPIRED YOU TO ADVANCE IN STEM

Participating in AEOP showed me how much opportunity there is for research and innovation – and how that can improve people's quality of life.

#### **FUTURE HOPES**

I dream STEM fields will blend with humanitarian efforts. This will allow key findings and research to integrate with people's ways of life so that more sustainable social systems thrive.

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