

Emily Kettering - biology

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

I chose the biology program because I've been planning on continuing my education by going to medical school after college, and the biology program provided me with the prerequisite classes I needed. Personally, my biology education has helped me by expanding my critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Professionally, this program has given me many opportunities to use my laboratory skills. I was able to get a job in the science hall where I prepare labs for students, and I used my education to get an internship in St. Louis at a medical device company during my senior year.

What activities are you involved in at McKendree?

I was a member of the women's tennis team, I'm president of the Sigma Zeta honor society, and I worked in Voigt Science Hall.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

During my time, I was able to get an internship at a medical device company in St. Louis. The internship was biomedical engineering-based, and I was assigned to work on many different projects during my time there.

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

I would tell my past self that setbacks and challenges are inevitable, but it is important to embrace failure as a learning opportunity. Instead of fearing failure, I would encourage myself to embrace it as a part of the learning process and approach failure with a mindset of how I will grow from it.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

My parents have helped me the most throughout my college education. They have been my biggest supporters and have challenged me to take advantage of the opportunities at McKendree.

What's next after graduation?

I am planning on getting a master's degree in biomedical sciences after completing my applications to medical school and optometry school.