

Samuel Winkleman – business administration

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

I chose a degree in business administration to ultimately be able to serve, love, and help others. Pursuing this degree has helped me have a solid understanding of business that will help me in the future!

What activities are you involved in at McKendree?

My main involvement at McKendree has been with my church, Rooted Community Church. Throughout my time here, I have poured into and led our college ministry.

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

One of the things I am most proud of is finishing well. I have poured a lot of my time, energy, and effort into doing well in school, and I am proud to see that work pay off, as well as God's blessings through this.

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

Surround yourself with people who genuinely care about you and pour into you!

Who helped you the most on your journey?

My wife has been one of my biggest fans in this season! I am so thankful to have her by my side through it all. My family has also been the best support system during this time! I would not be where I am today without them. The same can be said of my church family! I can say without a doubt that they have been some of my biggest encouragers throughout my college journey.

What's next after graduation?

After graduation, I will be working full-time at Farmers and Merchants National Bank's lending department here in Lebanon. My wife and I love this community, and we plan on planting our roots here in the Lebanon community!