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A healthy dose of sibling rivalry never hurts – that’s what initially motivated Michael Halinski to seek UW’s renowned Engineering program, after his older sister started her university career in UW’s Applied Health Sciences. Of course, he was also keenly interested in the discipline! Now a second year Mechanical Engineering student, the Grimsby native has been enjoying the prestige of his program. “When I was introduced to my new co-workers on a recent work term, I was met with immediate recognition of UW’s excellence,” Michael says.

### **What do you like best about UW?**

The co-op program is one of my favourite aspects of UW. It’s a great chance to apply what I learn in class. Financially, it’s huge help because it means I can pay for most of my schooling, and it’s also a great chance to travel – with opportunities across Canada and beyond! I also find it refreshing to be a part of UW’s multi-cultural campus community.

### **How did the student award you received help you?**

Receiving a \$,000 UW Faculty and Staff Engineering Entrance Scholarship was a major factor in my decision to attend UW, but I was also faced with some tempting offers from other universities - \$12,000 from Western and \$8,000 from Queen’s. The scholarship was helpful because my first work term was not until eight months after I started at UW and it was a long time without income.

### **What do you enjoy in your spare time?**

I’ve grown up playing hockey and this term I’m the captain of an intramural hockey team. When I was finishing high school, I was offered athletic scholarships to American universities for hockey. Continuing to train for 25 hours a week on top of school work was pretty daunting, so I decided to channel my energy into academics. But I still enjoy a friendly game now and again! I’m also organizing a beach volleyball tournament for my St. Jerome’s residence.