

In his time at Duke University, Kevin has continually displayed a dedication to liberal culture. As he entered college, his desire to make the most of his time at Duke led him to explore clubs and classes outside of his major in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Kevin has exhibited a devotion to broadening his perspective in every sense of the word. While his excellence in engineering is evident through his work in and election to the North Carolina Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Pi, Kevin has also been selected for initiation into Duke's North Carolina Beta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, a Liberal Arts Honor Society. This is an honor awarded to few engineers and is indicative of his dedication to all areas of academic study.

In addition to his varied academic pursuits, Kevin is also a student athlete at Duke. There was no recruitment process in his hometown of Westmount, Québec, so he actively reached out the coach at Duke, trying out for and subsequently signing to the university's Division I Varsity Swimming & Diving Team in 2013. Many people advised him not to pursue college athletics, but he embraced the unique perspective that varsity swimming would add to his college experience, acknowledging that this experience would be different from the average student's, yet not any less transformative. As a member of the team, he has committed 20-30 hours per week to practice in addition to the time spent at competitions; this he balanced with a rigorous academic course load of engineering and humanities classes. He has also maintained a high level of academic achievement and was named a member of the 2015-2016 All-ACC Academic Team, an honor reserved for the highest-achieving student athletes in the Atlantic Coast Conference. He was also a member of the 2013-2014 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship Team where he swam as a sprinter (100 meters or less). He cherishes the team-player mentality and willingness to be vulnerable that has been instilled in him as a member of Duke's swim team.

Kevin has also used his athletic experience to point himself outward toward the larger Duke and Durham community. From 2014 to 2015, Kevin was a mentor in Duke Athletics' A.C.T.I.O.N. program, an initiative designed to support first-year student-athletes as they make the transition from high school to college. Kevin planned and led six, hour-long workshops throughout the year for a group of 10 mentees, with each meeting focusing on one of the A.C.T.I.O.N words – **A**ccountability, **C**ommitment, **T**eamwork, **I**ntegrity, **O**pportunity, **N**ow. Through his role as a mentor, Kevin helped to build community among the first-year athletic class, establishing peer connections and instilling traits that would enable their future success as both students and athletes.

Kevin has also exhibited a steadfast commitment to diversity and inclusion within the athletic community. From Fall 2015 to the present, Kevin has acted as ambassador for the Duke Swimming & Diving Team with the Athlete Ally Network. The Athlete Ally Network is a nonprofit that seeks to end homophobia and transphobia in sports through public awareness campaigns and educational programming. Kevin recognizes the unique position that student-athletes occupy and the influential role they play in advocating for social justice and inclusion in the wider student body. Since his junior year, he has been a regular participant in student-athlete trainings and chapter meetings to discuss LGBTQ+ issues within the Duke athletic community. He has also acted as a liaison between Duke's Athlete Ally chapter and his own team, encouraging an inclusive team environment and educating student-athletes on the importance of standing up against LGBTQ+ discrimination, whether that be in the locker room or in their larger communities. For the past two years, Kevin has also helped coordinate the representation of more than 50 LGBTQ+ and allied members of Duke Athletics in North Carolina's annual Pride Parade which occurs each September. In many ways, Kevin's advocacy in this realm has already come to fruition, especially among his teammates. The incredibly

inclusive and supportive nature of Duke's Swimming & Diving Team has set it apart among Duke's athletic groups and has even been noticed by recruits, with one of this year's top diving recruits turning down several athletic scholarships in order to compete on the Duke team. This student recognized that this team would be the ideal environment in which he could develop not only as a student and athlete, but also as an individual.

Kevin has extended this same degree of care to the larger Durham community. Since 2014, he has been a council member of Team IMPACT, which seeks to improve the lives of children facing life-threatening or chronic illnesses through the development of team relationships. Children are "signed" to a collegiate team and become an official team member until graduation. Max, a child fighting leukemia, was 10 years old when he joined Duke's Swimming & Diving team. He is now 14. Kevin has had the opportunity to develop a close relationship with Max and his family over the past 4 years as a part of his support group. Kevin has also acted as Communications and Activities Coordinator, helping to plan events for Max and his family, including an official "signing day," birthday parties, and swim practices in which Max gets to coach the team.

Throughout his four years at Duke, Kevin has been devoted to the broadening of his liberal arts perspective in the classroom, the community, and the swimming pool. This is demonstrated through the activities which he has pursued outside of engineering, whether that be in athletics, mentorship, advocacy, or support. His contributions in these realms are commendable, and from these experiences he has fostered a spirit of liberal culture that will only serve to broaden his perspective as an engineer.