

## Taking on every challenge

Honors student **Margo Deihl ('16)** knew what she wanted from her college experience: "I've always wanted to do the very best possible in everything," she says. And she seized numerous opportunities. A biology major in the pre-med program, she minored in music and nonprofit studies, played in the JMU Symphony Orchestra and the Opera Orchestra, was heavily involved in Baptist Collegiate Ministry, and also served as a resident advisor – and that's the short list. Remarkably, she didn't allow her intense battle with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma to deter her. In fact, her medical condition informed her internship at the National Office of the Arthritis Foundation in Washington. Deihl is planning a career as a doctor and hopes to use her personal experiences to give her a greater connection with patients.



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