

Alumni Spotlight: Rhodes Scholar Morgan Mohr

Morgan Mohr, Kokomo High School's Class of 2013 Valedictorian, was named a 2017 Rhodes Scholar. Morgan is one of only 32 U.S. college students to receive the prestigious academic award... and the only one from the Big Ten this year.



Photo provided by Indiana University

Morgan recently graduated from Indiana University Bloomington after studying political science, history, and feminist policy. According to a press release from IU officials, the straight-A student will study comparative social policy at Oxford University in England with the scholarship. Morgan intends to pursue a career in law and public policy.

The KHS grad came to IU Bloomington as a Wells Scholar, one of 20 winners of the university's most prestigious and competitive scholarship.

The National Merit Scholar noted that KHS had "uniquely prepared me to earn the Wells. I could have attended a private high school, but I chose KHS because of the AP (Advanced Placement) offerings, the outstanding teachers, and the extracurricular opportunities."

The AP National Scholar and National Debate Top 18 Award winner completed 11 AP courses while at Kokomo High School. Morgan entertained offers from Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Virginia, and the Naval Academy before deciding to become a Wells Scholar at IU.

The IU press release noted that Morgan has taken active, and responsible, roles with political campaigns, interned with government offices, and founded campus groups to combat injustice.

"Morgan is a truly outstanding student and a remarkable civic leader," Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie noted in the university-issued press release. "She combines a fundamentally moral vision of a compassionate and just world with a pragmatic optimism that people working together can achieve that vision. Morgan's efforts to improve university policies and promote justice and equality have been exemplary."

The Rhodes Scholarship covers all expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England. Morgan is among the 52 women who have won the coveted Rhodes Scholarship since women became eligible in 1978. According to the Rhodes Trust, this year women constituted 52% of the applicant pool – the first time in the history of the Rhodes Scholarships that more women than men applied. Fifty-six percent of this year's finalists were women, and 18 of the winners (35%) were women – tying the record number from 1995.

"I am honored and genuinely humbled to receive the Rhodes scholarship," Morgan noted in the IU press release. "Indiana University has been an infinitely rich place for me to learn, grow, and work. Because of this, I will always be indebted to the Wells Scholars Program for bringing me here and for contributing profoundly to my development."

"I also want to thank my professors, peers, and fellow activists for the exceptional work they do every day and for enabling me to join their communities," Morgan added. "I look forward to my two years of study at Oxford, but especially to tackling the challenges beyond."



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Education Foundation Awards 25 Scholarships

The Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation distributed a record \$25,000 in scholarships to Kokomo High School Class of 2017 graduates. The Foundation wishes to thank the many donors who make these scholarships possible each year.

"The Kokomo Schools Foundation is proud of our portfolio of scholarships," Foundation Executive Director Joe Dunbar noted. "Just about all of these scholarships are provided from the heart. Not only do these scholarship dollars assist our graduating students, but they also provide a means by which a loved one is memorialized, an alumnus gives thanks to KHS for his/her outstanding education, or a particular academic, extra-curricular, or athletic program is supported. Establishing or supporting a scholarship fund is an excellent way to make a permanent tribute to Kokomo High School – its students, staff, and alumni."

Since 2012, the Education Foundation has distributed 140 scholarships valued at more than \$125,000. In May 2017, the Foundation awarded 25 scholarships to graduating seniors at KHS.

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KHS CLASS OF 1967 50TH REUNION

Kokomo High School Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th Reunion July 28 and July 29, 2017.

On Friday, July 28, an informal Mingle, Meet & Greet will be from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Bel Air Kokomo, 3014 S. Webster. The cost is \$14 at the door with a cash bar and food (limited menu) available for purchase.

On Saturday, July 29, a buffet dinner followed by socializing and dancing will be from 5 to 11:00 pm at Elite Banquet and Conference Center, 2620 S. LaFountain, Kokomo. Reservations are required.

We still have many missing classmates. Please contact me with any information you may have about those who may not have received this information and are interested in attending.

For further information, please email Elaine Ervington Woerner at KHS1967EE@gmail.com or call 312-806-5425.

The Kokomo Schools Education Foundation will be conducting a tour of the downtown KHS building on the morning of July 29. If anyone in the class is interested in attending, contact Marianne Christie mchristie2@gmail.com.

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