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Zhan'e Bender

Kokomo High School Class of 2018 graduate Zhan'e Bender received acceptance letters from Purdue University, Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, and Indiana University Kokomo before deciding to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study psychology. Zhan'e, the daughter of Sonshara Taylor and the late John Bender, hopes to specialize in child and adolescent psychiatry, so she can help diagnose mental illnesses in children. The IU Groups Scholar believes the seven Advanced Placement courses she took at KHS prepared her well for the rigors of college, especially since her KHS teachers in these AP classes set their expectations high. The first-generation college student is a product of the KEY High Ability program at Central Middle School, which she noted "gave me a greater appreciation for the hard work necessary to succeed at a higher level". The Color Guard Captain helped lead her Winter Guard team to its 16th State Finals appearance. Zhan'e thanked the Music Department teachers for "genuinely caring about every aspect of my life."



Onward **Kokomo!**

Kokomo High School is definitely on the move, and celebrating student successes! The KHS Class of 2018 has earned \$4.6 million in scholarships to post-secondary institutions, including two full-tuition awards to Harvard University and numerous prestigious universities.

The KHS College Prep Academy features 25 Advanced Placement (AP) courses (corporation-paid AP exam fees), an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) program, Project Lead the Way engineering courses, and award-winning Music and Arts programs.

Congrats to all KHS graduates! If you would like to join the KHS academic family, please contact Principal Angela Blessing via email at ablessing@kokomo.k12.in.us

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