

## Dalva's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2020 graduate Dalva Raposo, daughter of Erasmo and Ana Paula Saraiva. My American host parents are Terry and Karen Fawcett, while my International Residence Hall parents are Andy and Stacey Curtis. I am an International student from Mozambique, and I love that Kokomo Schools allowed me so many opportunities. I was able to take college-level courses, like AP Environmental Science and dual credit Advanced Composition, while also being involved at school and in the community. I participated in the Black History Month Live Museum, joined teams like Debate & Speech, and served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, where I developed leadership skills while being a contributing citizen.

"One of my favorite classes was the IB (International Baccalaureate) World Religions course, which allowed me to delve deep into the religions of the world. My favorite teacher and mentor at KHS was Jenifer Scott, who is simply amazing. Her class was so different for me because Ms. Scott encouraged me to participate in class discussions, while in Mozambique, I didn't have a voice. What impressed me about the Kokomo teachers and counselors was their humbleness and selflessness. KHS gave me an exceptional educational experience. I am proud to be part of this LEGACY!

"I applied to more than 20 colleges worldwide, and among those where I earned acceptance were Rollins College, Heidelberg University, Saint Mary's College, University of Indianapolis, Vistula College, Wooster College, and LCC International University. I decided to accept a scholarship to attend Georgetown University School of Foreign Service Qatar (Asia), where I will study International Rights and Arabic while considering a minor in either Cybersecurity/Counterterrorism or Human Rights/Refugee Crisis. I hope I can represent Africa and Mozambique as a Latino/Lusophone-Africa country so I can spread awareness of the rich diversity of Africa, which supports many cultures, languages, and levels of development."





The Kokomo High School Class of 2020 definitely experienced unprecedented times during its final semester at Kokomo High School. I was very proud of an incredible senior class, especially the class officers, for handling the pandemic with grace and flexibility, while preserving the many traditions of passage - Senior Recognition Evening, the Annual KatWalk, and Graduation with a Twist - virtually. The KHS Class of 2020 understands "Legacy Matters!" Congratulations to the KHS Class of 2020 for earning \$7.4 million in scholarships to colleges around the world.

The KHS College Prep Academy features 25 Advanced Placement (AP) courses (corporation pays all AP exam fees), an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program, Project Lead the Way engineering classes, and award-winning Music and Arts programs. Congrats to all KHS Class of 2020 graduates and their families. 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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