

## Ava's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2021 graduate Ava Briggs, daughter of Kelli and Greg Goodnight and Tim and Hannah Briggs, and I am grateful to Kokomo Schools for preparing me for the future by providing me with so many real-world experiences. Through the International Baccalaureate program, I had the opportunity to travel the world and learn about other cultures. I participated in exchanges to Chile and Costa Rica, and played concerts in China with my Advanced Band class. The Integrated Arts programs at Wallace Elementary and Central Middle School forged my love for dance and music.

"I was honored to serve as a captain of the Kokomo High School Dance Team, and was thrilled to be a 3-time State Finalist in the Indiana High School Dance Team Association competition. I earned a varsity letter in Track and served as the Cheerleading captain. I wish to thank KHS Dance and Cheer Coach, Mrs. (Gina) Curl, for encouraging me and my teammates to participate in community service. Each year, Mrs. Curl helped us teach dancers and cheerleaders with special needs; and then we performed together. Those experiences led me to seek other volunteer opportunities, including collecting clothing for women and children living in shelters.

"Kokomo High School enabled me to appropriately challenge myself in the classroom by offering rigorous courses. The many Advanced Placement courses and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program classes I completed will allow me to enter college as a sophomore. I plan to attend Indiana University Bloomington on a full scholarship as an IU Groups Scholar to study biology with a pre-med concentration and international studies with a pre-law concentration. I envision myself working for an agency, such as the U.S. State Department or the World Health Organization, where I can collaborate with scientists around the world to find creative treatments for our most puzzling diseases."





The Kokomo High School Class of 2021 definitely has experienced unprecedented times during its final school year of high school. These KHS seniors have persevered to a stressful environment by being adaptable and flexible, while continuing to pursue academic excellence.

Even though Kokomo Schools could not do our annual Onward "group" photo session, the Onward Committee believed it was important that the KHS Class of 2021 not miss this opportunity. Individual photo sessions were scheduled throughout the day so the Kokomo School Corporation could meet pandemic protocols while celebrating student success.

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 an award-winning Music and Arts programs.

Congrats to all KHS Class of 2021 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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