

## Emily's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2021 graduate Emily Rizer, daughter of Michael and Belinda Rizer, and I am grateful my parents transferred me to Kokomo Schools in kindergarten specifically for the KEY program. Being a student in the KEY High Ability program at Sycamore and Central provided me with accelerated learning opportunities and academic field trips, as well as projects that significantly increased my preparation for the Advanced Placement courses and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program classes I took at Kokomo High School.

"I combined 6 AP courses with 4 IB Diploma Program classes; while the uniqueness of some courses, such as IB Diploma Program World Religions, enabled me to enjoy learning about topics that were of interest to me. I feel fortunate that KHS offers classes which are not available at many other high schools. The wide array of AP courses at KHS allowed me to take difficult classes; but with the help of outstanding teachers, I became more invested in my learning. Kokomo High School allowed me to make a plethora of connections, as well as prepare for the rigors of college.

"I am thankful for AP Physics teacher, Mr. (Tom) Ferguson, and Honors English teacher, Ms. (Jenifer) Scott, for investing in my education and for being mentors, as well as teachers. While at KHS, I had the opportunity to serve as the Senior Class President, while also being an active member of Girls' League and Student Council. I earned a varsity letter in Soccer. My time at Kokomo High School has been among the most influential experiences of my life. I am very thankful that I am a Kokomo Wildkat.

"In the fall, I plan to attend Loyola University of Chicago utilizing the Presidential Scholarship, which is the highest merit award (\$25,000 annually for 4 years) the university offers, to earn a degree in psychology. I hope to pursue dental school to become an orthodontist."

Emily Ringer

[EMILY RIZER]



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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