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Ethan's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2021 graduate Ethan Zackschewski, son of Doug and Lei Zackschewski, and I am proud to be a National Merit Finalist, Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, and an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate. I chose the IB Diploma Program for its increased rigor. I also completed 7 Advanced Placement courses. I believe my IB Diploma Program classes truly prepared me for college with their strenuous exams, project-based learning, and special research projects.

"The IB program gave me the opportunity to participate in an exchange to England, where I found it fascinating to adjust to the cultural differences between the U.S. and England. Traveling to a foreign country, and staying with a foreign family, was a big test of individual independence. Thank you to Kokomo Schools for providing me with an amazing environment to learn and grow as a student. That academic environment began in first grade as I participated in the KEY (High Ability) program at Sycamore and then Central. Those KEY opportunities allowed me to learn at an accelerated pace while being surrounded by amazing like-minded students. Thank you to Mr. (Aaron) Blessing for creating a mix of rigor and challenge within a fun learning environment in his IB classes. The district offers advanced courses to help students push themselves academically, while introducing International students, who open our minds to new cultures.

"Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was fortunate to volunteer weekly at Community Howard Regional Health, where I ran blood samples to the lab and transported patients in wheelchairs. Since I am interested in the medical field, I attended a Genetics Camp at Indiana State University and the Clinical Applications for Future Medical Professionals experience at Purdue University. I plan to attend Purdue University in the fall to earn a degree in biology while studying for the MCAT. My goal is to attend medical school to become an anesthesiologist or pursue a career as a neurobiologist."



[ETHAN ZACKSCHEWSKI]



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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