

Jenaka's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2021 graduate Jenaka Hawkins, daughter of Christa Pokrzywa and Todd Hawkins, and I chose to complete my education at Kokomo High School after transferring before my senior year from Western High School. Because of my move to KHS, I believe I will be able to adapt more easily at the college level. I was a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, and Girls' League at KHS, and I competed on the Varsity Swim Team.

"I most valued the academic courses at Kokomo High School. I completed four Advanced Placement classes my senior year. My talented teachers at Kokomo High School taught me how to meet the expectations of college professors. I especially thank my AP Biology teacher, Mrs. (Greta) Faurote, whose avid love of learning and excitement for biology are infectious. My desire to make Mrs. Faurote proud of me inspired me to be my best. A special thank you to my ACP English teacher, Mrs. (Sharene) Martin-Brown. The passion Mrs. Martin-Brown displays for the subjects she teaches is vivid. I believe her praise and encouragement have made me a better writer and a better student.

"I wish to thank Kokomo High School. While KHS may be considerably bigger than what I was used to, it feels like home. KHS is a community built on leadership and kindness. I felt that community during my first days on campus and have felt welcome every day since. I cannot imagine finishing my high school career anywhere else but Kokomo High School!

"I was accepted to Purdue, Butler, IU, Valparaiso, and University of Cincinnati before deciding to attend Miami University of Ohio utilizing the Miami Redhawk Scholarship, worth \$21,000 per year. I plan to earn a degree in Biology. My goal is to attend medical school and become an anesthesiologist."



[JENAKA HAWKINS]



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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