

## Olivia's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2021 graduate Olivia Hicks, daughter of Derek and Christy Hicks, and I wish to thank Kokomo Schools for teaching me confidence and leadership. Thanks to Kokomo Schools – especially the Integrated Arts program (Wallace), KEY High Ability program (Central), and the International Baccalaureate Career Program – I have seen the world from an open-minded point of view.

"Through the IB program, I earned the opportunity to study in China, and our family has hosted exchange students from Chile and Estonia. KHS has helped me learn how to work through adversity, while balancing academics, extracurriculars, and my volunteer activities. I was a girls' Soccer captain and have earned varsity letters in Softball and Tennis. I served as President of Student Council, Student Athletic Leadership Team President, KHS Varsity Club Vice President, and National Honor Society Vice President.

"Another outstanding learning opportunity was helping organize Kokomo High School's 5th Annual Black History Month Live Museum. Through all of my pursuits, I have had parents, teachers, mentors, administrators, board members, and other students checking on me to ensure my success. I am proud to have been selected as a Semifinalist in the National Coca-Cola Scholarship competition, and I wish to thank the sponsors for awarding me the National Honor Society Scholarship, the KHS Class of 1972 Spirit of Harmony Scholarship, a KHS Legacy Scholarship, and the Kay Deluise Spirit Scholarship.

"By completing a combination of 7 Advanced Placement courses, the IB Diploma Program career courses, dual-credit business courses, and the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) community course, I know I am prepared for the rigors of college. I plan to attend the University of Louisville in the fall to study Sports Management. My dream job, eventually, is to become the Athletic Director at Kokomo High School."



[OLIVIA HICKS]



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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