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Gabriel's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2020 graduate Gabriel Araujo Lage, the son of Carlos Cezar and Viviane Fernandes. My American host parents are Aaron and Angela Blessing. My many friends here at Kokomo High School call me "Gabe," and I am an international student from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. When I started searching for an opportunity to study abroad, my priorities included a balance between academics and athletics, being able to study with students from around the world, and living with an American family where I was accepted as a family member. Kokomo High School provided the balance, opportunities, and relationships which have been important in my journey and development. I want to thank my parents in Brazil for inspiring me to always become a better person, and my girlfriend, Lydia Emry, for challenging me to earn better grades in school.

"Kokomo High School has prepared me, both academically and athletically, for college life. In addition to the rigorous coursework, including AP Calculus and Human Geography, I was able to work on my skills as a soccer player by being a member of the varsity soccer team for two years. After serving as a varsity team captain and being selected as the team MVP, I was proud to earn All-Conference and All-District honors on behalf of Kokomo High School. Because of my experiences at Kokomo High School, I feel very prepared for college and life! One of the best aspects of being a student at KHS was the freedom to choose courses that interested me, like Business Management, Advanced Business Internship, and Sports & Entertainment Marketing, which are offered at the Kokomo Area Career Center.

"I graduated from KHS with an Academic Honors Diploma, and I have accepted a scholarship to study International Business at Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada, where I also will play for the men's soccer team. I earned the Memorial University International Entrance Scholarship, and my future plans are to play professional soccer."

Gabriel Araujo Lage

[GABRIEL ARAUJO LAGE]

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The Kokomo High School Class of 2020 definitely experienced unprecedented times during its final semester at Kokomo High School. I was very proud of an incredible senior class, especially the class officers, for handling the pandemic with grace and flexibility, while preserving the many traditions of passage - Senior Recognition Evening, the Annual KaiWalk, and Graduation with a Twist - virtually. The KHS Class of 2020 understands "Legacy Matters!" Congratulations to the KHS Class of 2020 for earning \$7.4 million in scholarships to colleges around the world.

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 award-winning Music and Arts programs. Congrats to all KHS Class of 2020 graduates and their families. 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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