

Jaylen's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2022 graduate Jaylen Stroman, the son of Amber Stroman and Phillip Fort Sr., and the grandson of Gerry and Willie Stroman. I graduated from KHS with an Academic Honors Diploma. The wide array of Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at Kokomo High School definitely helped prepare me for college, especially since I have been able to earn college credit for many of my general college freshman courses. More important is the fact that I believe KHS has prepared me to be successful in life because of its diverse student population. Learning how to interact with all people will be key in my future.

Being part of the KEY (Gifted & Talented) program at Sycamore (K-5) and Central (6-8) made a huge difference academically because KEY allowed me to begin challenging myself at a young age. KEY also helped me maintain good study habits, learn how to overcome challenges, and think critically. Even though KEY was tough at times, my KEY teachers had faith in me, which forced me to have faith in myself. My favorite class at KHS was the CEO course through the Kokomo Area Career Center. With the help of the Kokomo's local business owners and community leaders, I was transformed from a high school student into a young entrepreneur who now has initiated multiple business ventures.

"I will be attending Indiana University Bloomington on a full-ride academic scholarship as a Groups Scholar. I plan to earn degrees in Finance and Business Law with a minor in Sports Marketing and Management. I wish to thank the local sponsors for the following honors: 21st Century Scholar, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Gerry Gunnings Stroman Scholarship, the Friends Reunited Highland High School Class of 1972 Scholarship, the Kappa Kappa Barb Peelle Memorial Scholarship, a Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship, the Mike Stegall Kokomo CEO Fund Scholarship, and the Second Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship.

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[Jaylen Stroman]



The Kokomo High School Class of 2022 has handled this ongoing pandemic with grace and flexibility. These seniors adapted to procedures in their classrooms, in athletics, and in extracurriculars; while setting an amazing example for our younger students. The academic, athletic, and musical achievements — as well as the leadership and service efforts — of this class will be remembered. Some students in the Class of 2022 helped Wildkat Winter Winds, Winter Guard, and Vocal Jazz qualify for the State Finals; and they helped KHS earn a High School All Choir Award and a High School All Band Award.

The KHS College Prep Academy features Advanced Placement (AP) courses (corporation pays all AP exam fees), an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, Project Lead the Way engineering classes, and a fine arts graduation pathway. Helping this Senior class earn more than \$7 million in scholarships were 10 Summa Cum Laude graduates and 14 who earned Magna Cum Laude honors.

Congrats to all KHS Class of 2022 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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