

## Katelyn's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2020 graduate Katelyn Howell, daughter of Kimberly Howell and Michael Hollarman. I am a product of Pettit Park Elementary and Bon Air Middle School. I must thank my 7th-grade Bon Air Social Studies teacher Mr. Kris Dill, who told my class: "If you can read and write, you can go anywhere in life!" That statement was my driving force for taking AP (Advanced Placement) English courses, like AP Language & Composition and AP Literature & Composition, and those words helped me take a deeper look into literature. Having an outstanding AP English teacher like Jenifer Scott, who pushed me to do my best even in very stressful situations, helped spark my love for photojournalism.

"I must admit that I was not a very good student in first and second grade because I wouldn't do the work. Kokomo's caring teachers changed my mind as I learned that the rigor ultimately helps prepare students for both life and college. I now believe that a person must work hard in order to reap any benefits. Kokomo High School teachers had a human quality about them, which I think is essential in creating a positive learning environment. My high school Art teacher, Deb Edwards, helped me view art in unique ways, which led me to my passion for photography.

"I need to thank my parents for seeing my potential even when I didn't; and a special thank you to my Dad for buying me my first camera. Everyone's support has helped me earn an Academic Honors Diploma, while I have completed 5 AP courses, including Human Geography, Government, and Biology, in addition to my English courses.

"After being accepted at IUPUI, Indiana State, Ball State, and Indiana University, I decided to use my 21st Century Scholar award, which pays for tuition (\$10,000 annually), to attend Ball State and study photojournalism. I also earned a Ball State Scholars Award worth \$4,000 and I wish to thank the Kristen Barsh Downing scholarship sponsors for their \$1,000 award."

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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 KatWalk, 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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