

Vicky's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2020 graduate Vicky Qiu, daughter of Zhouqiang Qiu and Yufang Lin. I have taken a combination of International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program courses and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, along with dual credit classes, which will make my transition to college much easier. While the work in my AP and IB classes was demanding, it taught me what to expect at college.

"During my time at Kokomo High School, I have served as Varsity Captain of the Girls Soccer team, Senior Class Vice President, National Honor Society Vice President, and Girls' League Secretary, while I was selected as a Girls State delegate. That balance between academics and extracurricular activities is what makes Kokomo High School special because KHS prepares us for life, as well as college. One of the more rewarding volunteer experiences at Kokomo Schools was tutoring Sycamore Elementary students to help them with their homework and new concepts.

"I am grateful to IB Diploma Program English teacher Aaron Blessing for helping me improve my writing skills, and for never failing to help me focus on the bigger picture. I owe a special thanks to Mrs. Farrington. When I was in third grade, I attended Kokomo Schools' ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, because I was not fully proficient in English. Mrs. Farrington always encouraged me, and never stopped believing in what I could achieve. I also wish to thank my parents for always encouraging me to explore my interests, and for sharing my belief in my big dreams. I also appreciate the Kokomo School Corporation staff members, who never cease to amaze me with how much they care about their students.

"I plan to attend Purdue University in the fall, utilizing the Presidential Scholarship, to double major in general management and psychology. My goal is to become a therapist or attend law school, so I can have a positive impact on the world."

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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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