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Chris's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2021 graduate Chris Qiu, son of Zhou Qiang Qiu and Yufang Lin, and I completed the rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Kokomo High School. I believe the prestigious IB Diploma Program will play a big role in my collegiate success. The heavy course load of this program taught me organization and perseverance. I combined the IB Diploma Program classes with 5 Advanced Placement courses and earned AP Scholar honors.

"The demands of college will come as no surprise because of my KHS academic and extracurricular experiences. Outside the classroom, I earned varsity letters in Soccer and Track & Field, and was a member of the Environmental Club, Boys' Legion, National Honor Society, and Student Council. My most influential KHS teacher was Mr. (Aaron) Blessing, who also was my soccer coach. Mr. Blessing always encouraged me to improve myself and to take risks. I also appreciate the support I received in elementary school from my English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, and I must thank Mr. (Ben) Diener, who did an exceptional job teaching me AP Calculus BC. I was hesitant about taking this class, but Mr. Diener's love for math was infectious and his patience explaining the thought process involved in solving difficult problems, helped me find joy in a math classroom.

"As I entered high school, I expected a mundane routine of classes, but I will leave Kokomo High School as a confident, well-rounded, and well-prepared scholar-athlete. Thank you to Kokomo Schools for providing endless opportunities and programs, such as IB, IB:DP, IB:CP, Kokomo Area Career Center, KTech, STEM; and most important, FREE AP exams. Those AP exams will save my family money since they count towards college credits. Those choices allowed me to explore areas I enjoy, while also giving me opportunities to challenge myself. I plan to attend Purdue University in the fall to earn a degree in computer science."

Chris Qiu

[CHRIS QIU]



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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