

## Aditya's Success Story ...

"I am Kokomo High School Class of 2020 salutatorian Aditya Sood, son of Sandeep Sood and Mohini Sood. Kokomo High School has been a great help in preparing me for college by offering rigorous academic courses. I have completed 9 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, including physics, computer science, calculus; and I earned the AP Scholar with Honor award.

"AP Physics teacher, Mr. Tom Ferguson, provided help at critical times, like when he would explain a difficult concept in a simple way. Mr. Ferguson always went that extra step by utilizing lasers or creating physical models to help us understand the lessons. My AP Calculus teacher, Mr. Ben Diener, always was accessible to students if we had questions. Mr. Diener taught in an interesting manner, while giving students time each day to reflect on the lesson and clarify concepts.

"I wish to thank the KHS TechnoKats Robotics Team for inspiring me; as the team's strategy lead, I learned about automation, programming, and mechanical work, which offered insight into my future engineering career. Working on our competitive robot made me confident that I was making the right career choice. I also am thankful for my cousin Aditi who helped me prepare for the SAT, and my aunt and uncle for their guidance. Thanks to the International Astronomical Search Collaboration for enabling me to search for asteroids in my spare time.

"I earned acceptance to Indiana University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis before deciding to attend Purdue University to study aerospace engineering. I wish to thank the sponsors of these scholarships – George Elmer Thorne Jr. (\$5,960), Dr. Robert Dalton (\$1,000), Dan Wells (\$750) - that will be applied toward my tuition. After graduation, I hope to start my career at a company, like Rocket Lab or Boeing, working to develop deep-space satellites. Once I gain key job experience, I plan to apply for a job at NASA or SpaceX."



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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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