

“DON'T LET ANYTHING HOLD YOU BACK.”

KAYLI CAUDILL

... **ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL HONORS GRAD**
... **CULINARY ARTS MAJOR**
... **MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY**

This talented Michigan City High School graduate overcame the odds and is pursuing her dream.

MODEL STUDENT: Currently a Culinary Arts student at Ivy Tech Community College, Kayli Caudill graduated from MCHS in 2017 with academic and technical honors and more than 20 college credits under her belt. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Technical Honor Society, Spanish Club, Art Club, JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates), and the Bowling team. She also excelled in the Culinary program at the A.K. Smith Career Center.

EXTRA SPECIAL: Kayli's accomplishments are impressive, especially considering the fact that she spent her elementary school years in special-needs classes due to her dyslexia.

“By middle school I began taking regular classes – math and science in sixth grade, history in seventh, and English in eighth. In high school, I took higher-level classes every year... sometimes I asked to take them, sometimes the school asked me. But anytime I struggled, they got me the help I needed.”

CAKE BOSS: In May, Kayli will earn her associate's degree from Ivy Tech, and she plans to pursue a bachelor's in Hospitality and Tourism Management at Purdue Northwest, with a concentration in baking and pastries. One day, she hopes to own her own bakery. “Cooking, especially baking, is relaxing and creative. I love to be creative.”

SECRET TO SUCCESS: “I don't let my dyslexia hold me back. I push to find out what else I can do, and try not to be afraid of failing.”



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