

“IMMERSE YOURSELF IN YOUR COMMUNITY.”

## OLIVIA GLOWACKI

- ... HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL
- ... RHODES SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST
- ... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

This 2015 Michigan City High School grad has an impressive list of achievements, but helping others is her driving force.

**SOLID FOUNDATION:** In high school, Olivia Glowacki was a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar who graduated with honors. She also was president of the National Honor Society, drum major for the band, a member of the choir, and the 2014 homecoming queen. Her experiences made her well-rounded, but it was volunteering at Dunebrook that confirmed her path. “I learned what social workers do, and saw the change they make in the community. That’s why I chose my major and have been passionate about it ever since.”

**SERVICE MINDED:** Now a senior Human Services major at Purdue University, Olivia was an Indiana finalist for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship last year. She has used her social work, counseling, and community engagement skills to work as an advocate in a domestic violence shelter, a court-appointed special advocate, a suicide hotline volunteer, and a research supervisor helping military service members returning from deployment. She’s spending her final semester of college as an intern with the Coalition on Homelessness in San Francisco.

**CITY EDGE:** Olivia credits the diversity in race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic background at MCHS with preparing her to work in any community. “Exposure to people both like and unlike me gave me an edge over some of my peers.”

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** “Immerse yourself in the community you live in. You’ll learn more there than in any classroom.”



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