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SUCCESS begins with Andy Losiniecki

... NEUROSURGEON
... CHIEF MEDICAL RESIDENT
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As a young child, Dr. Andy Losiniecki never dreamed he'd pursue 14 years of education *after* high school. "In first grade, I truly disliked school," he remembers. "But my teacher, Meg Kanyer, was able to make learning fun." That spark of inspiration carried him to the top of his class in high school and on to college - and medical school. He is now chief medical resident at the University of Cincinnati's Mayfield Clinic.

SCHOOL DAYS: Andy attended Coolspring Elementary, Barker Middle School, and Rogers High School before graduating from Michigan City High School in 1997. He was a member of the football and baseball teams, and president of the National Honor Society. He says AP courses prepared him well for college, and he credits teachers such as Kent Lange, Rich Lenard, and Fran Booth with helping him accomplish his goals. "My teachers and coaches were very dedicated and involved in their students' success."

USING HIS BRAIN: As a neurosurgery resident at a busy trauma and cancer hospital, Andy operates on the brain, spine, and peripheral nerve. "It's exciting work," he says. "You are able to remove a brain tumor, fix a spine fracture, and surgically reconnect nerves in the leg - all in the same day." After completing his residency next June, he looks forward to a career as a surgeon, with a focus on traumatic brain injury.

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "My parents and grandparents instilled in me from a very early age the importance of working hard. In addition to my school work, I always had a job to pay for extras like gas and insurance, and in medical school I did manual labor for a tree trimming company. Hard work and dedication can get you *anywhere* you want to be!"



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