



# SUCCESS STORIES

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### SUCCESS begins with Jada Anderson

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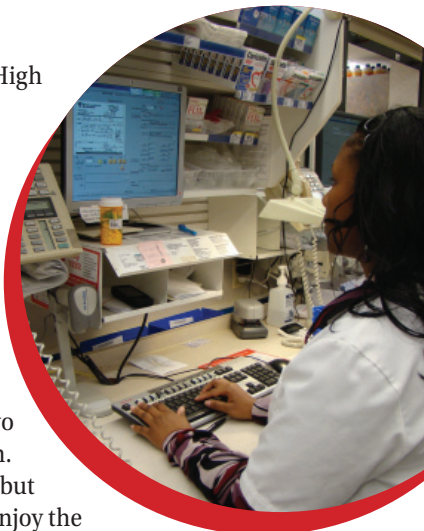
Jada Anderson has always been an achiever – and a leader. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Chorale, and several academic teams. She earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certification as part of the “co-op” program, and also took part in numerous theater productions. “I guess I was in everything,” she laughs. (She was also Homecoming Queen!)

**SCHOOL DAYS:** Jada attended Niemann Elementary, Krueger Middle School, and Rogers High School, and graduated from Michigan City High School in 1998. “I was well-prepared for college,” she says. “My second-grade teacher, Mrs. Kahn, gave me positive reinforcement when I really needed it,” she remembers. “My English teacher, Ms. Booth, showed me I had to be broad-based, not just focused on math and science.”

**HOMETOWN SUPPORT:** Jada was the first recipient of the four-year Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, awarded annually to two LaPorte County students by the Unity Foundation. She attended Butler University to study Pre-Med, but soon took a detour to the Pharmacy program. “I enjoy the patient interaction,” she says of her specialty. “I feel like I’m giving science a human face.”

**PHARM PRO:** Jada began her career with Walgreens as an intern, continuing with the company after earning her pharmacy license in 2004. She is now Pharmacy Manager at Walgreens’ store at Rt. 20 and Franklin Street in Michigan City, where she oversees inventory, payroll, staff training, immunizations, and much more.

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** A regular guest at school career fairs, Jada is also a Junior Achievement volunteer and serves on the Lilly Scholarship and Unity Foundation grant committees. “Some students view healthcare careers as unobtainable. I tell them the only limits you have are those you impose on yourself.”



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