

“I’M STEPPING UP MY GAME” Jaelyn Nowatzke

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Jaelyn Nowatzke is an ambitious young woman with a plan. The Michigan City High School senior will use the skills she’s learned as a teller at the MCHS in-school bank to support herself as she studies to become an obstetric nurse at Purdue University North Central.

MAY I HELP YOU? In 2014, Horizon Bank opened its “Wolves Branch,” a student-operated facility in the MCHS cafeteria commons. Jaelyn applied to work there as a junior, wanting to “try something new and different.” Now, she conducts transactions for students and staff every day during lunch. “Working at the bank has increased my financial literacy, especially making withdrawals and deposits and knowing the importance of budgeting.”



WELL DONE: Horizon was so impressed with Jaelyn’s job performance that they hired her to work at the South Franklin Street branch last summer. “Banking involves a lot of problem solving, and I’ve definitely improved in that area. Serving customers at the ‘big branch’ also caused me to mature, to step up my game.”

BUSY LIFE: Jaelyn takes a full academic load that includes AP and dual credit courses, giving her a leg up on college. At MCHS, she’s been involved in marching band, jazz band, pep band, the Wolvettes dance team, and German Club... and she was elected to the Homecoming court last fall. She also has danced ballet for 13 years and currently teaches ballet to preschoolers and kindergartners.

SECRET TO SUCCESS: “I try to learn from my failures because without them, I wouldn’t be where I am now.”

Did you know?

Horizon Bank employs six high school students at its Michigan City High School “Wolves Branch” facility.

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