

“KNOW YOUR LIMITS, THEN PUSH PAST THEM.”

## NATALIE PARKER

... HONOR STUDENT ... MATH & SCIENCE WIZ  
... DANCE INSTRUCTOR  
... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

This Michigan City High School senior shines with talent – inside and outside of the classroom.

**CITY & COLLEGE:** As a junior, Natalie Parker was at the top of her AP Calculus class. This year, this unassuming star student spends part of her MCHS school day at Purdue Northwest, where she takes Calculus for Life Sciences. “I love abstract math. It’s the language of the universe!”

**CITY STANDOUT:** Natalie has a GPA of 4.55 and has taken a full load of AP and dual-credit classes at City. She was on the MCHS Japanese Olympiad teams that finished 2nd and 3rd in the state, and is a member of Chess Club and Bible Club, which she co-founded and now serves as President. She plans to study Biology in college, eyeing a career as a physician specializing in Neuroscience.

**HEART & SOUL:** Natalie is passionate about service; she volunteers regularly at the Salvation Army and with her church, Temple Missionary Baptist. She’s also passionate about dance: Over the past six years she has performed in several Indiana Ballet Theater productions, including Sleeping Beauty, the Nutcracker, and Firebird. She currently teaches jazz and ballet at Studio M in Michigan City.

**LIFE LESSONS:** Despite her confidence on stage, Natalie has always been a quiet person. She credits Japanese teacher, Mike Tsugawa, with bringing her out of her shell. “Sensei taught me to be reserved, not shy. Shyness can get in the way of success, but there is great value in being a good listener.”

**KEY TO SUCCESS:** “Know yourself, know your limits, and then push yourself past those limits.”



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