



“STRIVE TO DO YOUR BEST.”

ALEJANDRA RAMOS-ROMERO

... **ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL HONORS GRAD**
... **FUTURE OPTOMETRIST**
... **MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY**

This talented Michigan City High School alum has had a passion for medicine since elementary school.

CLEAR VISION: Alejandra always knew she'd pursue a career in the medical field. But when she got glasses in middle school, her future was clear. "I don't know how to explain it; I had a great experience with the optometrist and became fascinated with optometry." During her senior year, Anatomy class with Mrs. Gresham and her coursework in the Health Careers Academy at the A. K. Smith Center reinforced her choice. Currently a sophomore Biology major at Purdue Northwest, she's on track to attend optometry school at IU after she finishes her bachelor's degree.



EXTRA CREDIT: Alejandra graduated from high school with both academic and technical honors — and a semester's worth of AP and dual college credits. She was involved in Teen Court, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, and Jobs for America's Graduates, and received a scholarship from the Red Cross for her efforts at blood drives. In college, she's stayed involved in the community through the Circle K service organization and as secretary of the Unidos Club.

FAMILY MATTERS: Alejandra isn't the only success story in her family. Her sister Virginia (also a City grad who attended A. K. Smith!) graduated from Purdue Northwest with a Nursing degree this spring. "My sister and I are so close. Our family has always inspired us to do our best and stay focused."

KEY TO SUCCESS: "Know what your end goal is, and *always* strive to do your best."

Did you know?

Students in the Health Careers Academy at A. K. Smith can earn a CNA (certified nursing assistant) or EMT (emergency medical technician) certification in high school.

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