

# “WORK AT A HIGH LEVEL” Gerald Randle

... ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

... FUTURE ENGINEER

... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

Michigan City High School junior Gerald Randle is an academic star: At age 15, he's a year away from graduating with both a high school diploma *and* 40 college credits.

**FAST TRACK:** Gerald moved to Michigan City in seventh grade. His teachers at Elston Middle School were impressed with his academic performance, and encouraged him to begin taking high school-level courses. “When I came to Michigan City, everyone was very welcoming. They urged me to step out of my comfort zone, and that helped me decide to skip eighth grade and move on to MCHS a year early.”

**LEG UP:** Gerald enrolled in the inaugural class of the Early College program, allowing him to earn both high school and college credits for his AP and other classes. He currently has a 4.2 GPA, and is one of four MCHS juniors recently named a Rising Star of Indiana. The recognition gives him attention from colleges and universities seeking the state's top applicants. “Teachers at City have made me the student I am today. The Early College program has a strong support system built in, and focuses on college preparation.”

**LOVE OF LEARNING:** Gerald's experience in the Energy Academy at the A.K. Smith Center has inspired him to pursue electrical engineering, though he remains open to other areas in the industry — and to a career in the military. “I've always liked math and science, and I have fun learning, so studying something like engineering won't really feel like work.”

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** “Do your work, and do it at a high level. Your effort should be apparent in the finished product.”



## Did you know?

The first students in the Michigan City High School Early College program will graduate in June 2018.

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