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“I’M AHEAD OF THE CURVE” Rykiah Rogers

... EARLY COLLEGE STUDENT
... FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
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When Michigan City High School sophomore Rykiah Rogers crosses the stage in 2018, she’ll earn more than an Academic Honors diploma. She’ll have 60 college credits for a head start on her career in medicine.

GOAL-ORIENTED: Rykiah attended Pine Elementary and Barker Middle School, and is now enrolled in Michigan City High School’s Early College, earning credits from Purdue North Central and Ivy Tech. “My goal is to start college as a junior at Indiana University, majoring in nursing. I want to work in a hospital as either a nurse practitioner or a pediatrician.”



EARLY COLLEGE CHAMPION: The MCHS Early College program functions as a “school within a school,” challenging students from the academic middle. Rykiah takes pride in being a member of the Early College’s inaugural class, and she helps recruit and mentor incoming freshmen. “I love the Early College program! If you need help, the teachers are all-hands-on-deck. I’m saving so much money on courses, and when I go to college, I’ll be ahead of the curve.”

CONNECTED 24/7: Rykiah uses a Chromebook as part of a 1:1 pilot program at MCHS. “We have some pencil-and-paper stuff in Early College, but mostly our teachers use Google Classroom for assignments. A lot of kids don’t have computers at home, but they’re a key to success. Having the Chromebook means I have my computer everywhere I go.”

SECRET TO SUCCESS: “I think about my future all the time. If there’s a big assignment due, I focus everything I have on it. All of this is going to pay off in the future.”

Did you know?

Close to 200 freshmen and sophomores are now a part of the Early College program at MCHS.

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