

“IF IT SOUNDS INTERESTING, TRY IT!”

# Rishi Verma

... ROBOTICS WIZ ...HONOR STUDENT  
...FUTURE ENGINEER  
... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

**M**ichigan City High School junior Rishi Verma has a 4.0 GPA and a lot on his plate: a full load of AP courses, 10 extracurriculars, and a lofty goal to attend one of the most prestigious colleges in the U.S.

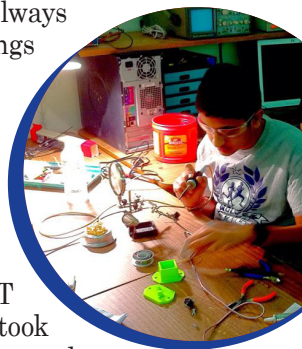
**ROCKET SCIENCE:** Rishi is a member of the Michigan City Robotics Team, and he dreams of studying mechanical engineering at MIT. “I’ve always enjoyed building things and taking things apart, and I love airplanes. It would be great if I could design one.”

**FAMILY TRADITION:** Rishi’s interest in engineering was nurtured by his father, who is an electrical engineer at Cook Nuclear Plant, and by his uncle, who is an official judge for FIRST Robotics. “When I was a kid, my uncle took me to a robotics competition. Walking around the pits, seeing the robots, I *knew* I wanted that challenge.”

**CITY PRIDE:** Rishi attended Coolspring Elementary and Barker Middle School, and he credits MCAS with helping him grow into the successful and ambitious young man he is today. “Most of my opportunities have come about because of my diverse network of teachers and peers. The diversity also leads you to think of others, to put yourself in their shoes, and that helps you be a better person.”

**VERSATILE:** Rishi also participates in Student Council, Steering Committee, Quiz Bowl, Spell Bowl, Spanish Club, Fishing Club, Diversity Club, Tennis, and Swimming. “As a freshman, I decided to try things that sounded interesting. If you don’t try, how will you know what you like?”

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** “I try to stay focused on my goals and work toward them, even when the going gets tough.”



## Did you know?

Michigan City’s “Robo Blitz” robot is currently ranked 7th in the State of Indiana, following its first competition of 2016.

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