

“STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE.”

# Jordan Williams

... HEALTH CARE EDUCATOR

... PURDUE GRADUATE

... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

Helping people quit smoking, lose weight, manage stress, and tackle other health-related goals is all in a day's work for Jordan Williams, a 2011 Michigan City High School honors graduate who is now a health educator in WebMD's Carmel, Indiana office.

**TOUGH GUY:** Growing up, Jordan faced a number of personal challenges, including the death of his mother. But he pushed through, taking rigorous AP and dual credit classes and staying involved as a class officer, a shot putter on the Track team, a member of Key Club and more. “I wanted to have complete control over my life, so I knew I had to go to college. Doing things that challenged me helped me grow and stay competitive.”

**CITY ADVANTAGE:** In 2015, Jordan graduated from Purdue with a degree in Public Health. “In college, I met students who didn't experience much diversity in high school, and it was culture shock for them. Diversity is an asset. I work with people every day from different educational, economic, racial and other backgrounds.”

**EXTRA MILE:** Jordan credits his teachers and mentors Jan Radford, Roland Hunter, Janis Mitchell and Connie Bachmann with providing him guidance and support. “They made house calls. They helped me study for the SAT over coffee on Saturdays. They connected with my family to make sure I was on track. They went the extra mile so I could go the extra mile, as well.”

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** “Tackle things that challenge you most, because they'll help you shine the brightest.”



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