

"KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AND GO FOR IT."

AALIYAH JONES

... HONOR STUDENT ... ATHLETE ... FUTURE ENGINEER MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

This Michigan City High School senior enjoys civil and architectural engineering – and plans to pursue them both.

ENGINEERING DREAMS: From the start, Aaliyah had a knack for engineering. "When I was little, I always took stuff apart and made messes, trying to make things with random toys. I love math, and I like working with my hands and solving problems." Building

her own home and designing roads and houses to benefit others are among her future goals.

STAR SCHOLAR: Aailyah comes from a large, blended family, and is working hard to earn scholarships. With a full load of AP and dual-credit courses, she maintains a 4.3 GPA. She is in the National Honor Society, Foreign

Language Honor Society, and Social Studies Honor Society, and received the Alpha Award for vocational engineering. "My teachers work hard to make sure I'm successful. There are a lot of engineering, math, and science classes I can take at City that I can't get at other high schools."

EXTRA SPECIAL: Asliyah also excels outside the classroom. A member of the Michigan City Robotics Team, the Spanish Club, Ice Skating Club, and Ping Pong Club, she was MVP of the Track team and was a force for the Wolves in Volleyball. She's being recruited to play volleyball at the collegiate level, but if that doesn't pan out, she will explore joining the U.S. Army Reserves or National Guard to help pay for college. "I'm just a person who knows what I want, and I'm going for it."

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "My mom taught me that hard work is the key to success. It's also important to do what you love, and to be involved in the community."

Did you know?

Aaliyah helped renovate the Compressed Air Academy flex lab at MCHS. She is one of 45 students in the new Academy.

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