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Kokomo Area Career Center

Overview

The Kokomo Area Career Center provides hands-on, project-based career and technical education for more than 1,250 students in grades 9-12 enrolled at Kokomo, Eastern, Northwestern, Western, Taylor, Tri-Central, and Maconaquah high schools; as well as eighth-grade students enrolled in the Career schools at Bon Air and Maple Crest. Approximately 242 college credits are available for KACC students, in addition to job shadows, internships, and clinical rotations as part of the student preparation for employment and/or post-secondary education. The Kokomo Area Career Center, in partnership with Kokomo High School, is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Career-related Program.

ALUMNI QUOTE: *"At the Kokomo Area Career Center, I was able to begin my journey in the business world at the age of 13. KACC taught me various career skills outside of the traditional school curriculum. Taking classes at the career center pushed me to achieve success in other areas of my life. The Sports Marketing, Business Management, and Kokomo CEO classes provided me with knowledge that I have been able to incorporate into my career. I am thankful for the insight into career opportunities that the Kokomo Area Career Center afforded me."*

Paxtyn Bailey, Class of 2017; Account Manager,
Kokomo Coca-Cola Company

Career Pathways

Agriculture

Ag Mechanical
& Engineering
Precision Ag
Veterinary Careers

Business

Entrepreneurship
Kokomo CEO
Marketing

Construction

Construction Trades
HVAC
Electrical

Healthcare

Dental
C.N.A.
Exercise Science
Medical Terminology
Anatomy & Physiology
Biomedical
Medical Assisting

Human Services

Human & Social Services

Cosmetology
Culinary Arts

Information

Technology

Cyber Security

Manufacturing

Welding

Media Arts

Digital Design
Radio & TV Production

Public Safety

Criminal Justice

STEM

Engineering
Drafting & Design

Transportation

Auto Technology
Collision Repair



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Dual Credits

Students are able to earn College Credits
from many Career Center classes at no cost.

Ivy Tech

Vincennes University

University of Southern Indiana

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Veterinary Careers

ABOUT: The Veterinary Careers class provides a hands-on experience for students interested in working in the Veterinary field upon graduation from high school or college. Students study animal care and husbandry, nail trims, ear cleanings, restraints for different procedures, and dog and cat behavior. Students learn anatomy and physiology of several different domestic animals, as well as some large animals, such as horses. Strong emphasis is placed on medical terminology. Students also participate in job shadowing experiences at local Veterinary facilities. Students have opportunities to experience field trips to the Indianapolis Zoo, Purdue University Veterinary School, and an Equine facility. Upon completion of the Veterinary Careers class students are prepared to enter the workforce at the entry level, or to continue their education at several post-secondary schools.

PATHWAY BRAGS: Most students who apply are accepted into a Veterinary Technology program, including Purdue University and Vet Tech Institute of Indianapolis.



ALUMNI BRAGS: Many alumni currently are practicing as Registered Veterinary Technicians in several specialties, including Emergency & Critical Care, Intensive Care Units, General Small Animal Veterinary Clinics, and at Equine facilities.

ALUMNI QUOTE: *“The Kokomo Area Career Center was an amazing experience that not only prepared me for my career, but also allowed me to make lifelong friends. This well-paced program provided the ground layer of knowledge for my future career, as well as first-hand experience in the veterinary world.”*

Mady Delgado, RVT

ALUMNI QUOTE: *“The Veterinary Careers program significantly prepared me for my career as a veterinary professional. We practiced valuable skills, such as blood draws and reading animal behavior, in addition to basic anatomy and physiology.”*

**Grace Leffler, Pre-Vet medicine at IUK;
works at Jefferson Road Animal Hospital**

Welding

ABOUT: Students learn the different welding processes, including MIG, TIG and stick welding, as well as how to create a blueprint of their weld. KACC students will learn how metals differ and how to weld a variety of materials. Once skilled in the welding processes, students then learn how to fabricate, which involves design, problem-solving, and execution of the project. Students also learn how to use the powder-coating equipment available.



PATHWAY BRAGS: Students leave the welding program with the skills needed to go straight into employment. Many students choose to further their education with specialized welding training. Instructors often have employers contact the Kokomo Area Career Center asking for students, who are interested in employment.

CERTIFICATION: AWS 3G Vertical Up

ALUMNI BRAGS: Kokomo Area Career Center educated welding students who are employed in various positions throughout the United States. Some former KACC students have worked on oil platforms, in the space industry, and in fabrication shops. Several KACC students have started their own design and fabrication businesses.

STUDENT QUOTE: *“Kokomo Area Career Center welding secured me a job at 19 years old where I am able to provide for myself. I was hired because I passed the 3G Vertical Certification Test at the Kokomo Area Career Center. At my interview I was told my application was pulled only because I was taught how to fabricate at the Kokomo Area Career Center.”* **Luke Hopwood**



Agriculture

ABOUT: Students learn real-world skills and discuss trends that affect the ever-changing world of agriculture. Some practical skills include welding, construction, plumbing and electrical. KACC students have the unique opportunity to use their knowledge and practice their skills at a farm plot at Elwood Haynes Elementary School. The agriculture students are responsible for preparing the soil, starting plants in a greenhouse, transplanting their plants, tending to the plot throughout the summer, then harvesting and distributing the produce in the fall.

ALUMNI BRAG: Student attending Central Georgia Technical University for agriculture and welding.

Dental Health Careers

ABOUT: Students learn about the careers available within the field of dentistry. Labs and experiences expose students to skills associated with either being a dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or dental laboratory technician. Students build a foundation of dental terminology, head and neck anatomy, dental skills, infection control, and professionalism. Students who continue into the second year program learn additional career-related skills and participate in an internship that reflects their career goals.

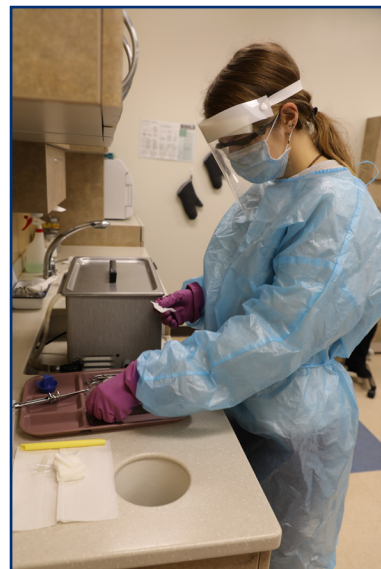
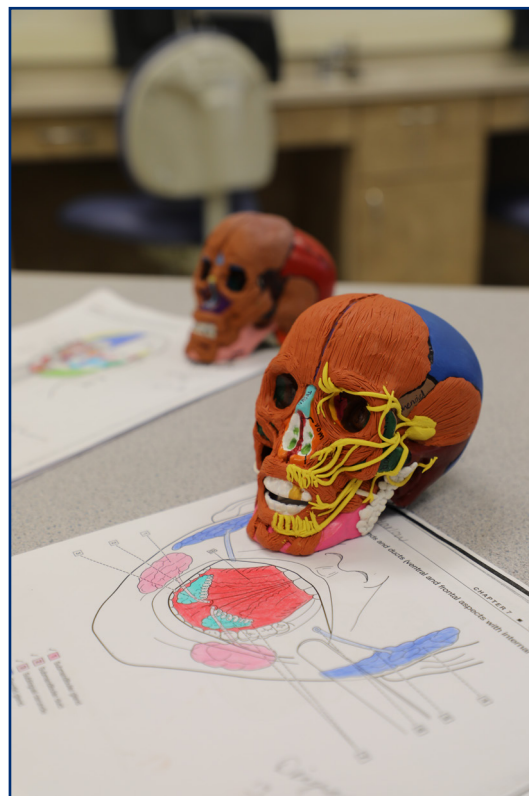
ALUMNI BRAGS: Several graduates are working in Kokomo dental facilities and throughout the state of Indiana. We have graduates also teaching for the Ivy Tech Dental Assisting program and the IU School of Dentistry Hygiene Program.



ALUMNI QUOTE: *“The dental program at the Kokomo Area Career Center offers so much information about the dental world. When I first started the dental program, I wanted to go into hygiene; but after learning everything the KACC has to offer, that knowledge allowed me the advantage of changing my mind and going into dental assisting. I feel I was advanced when I started college with all of the information I had received from my KACC courses. I also had much more confidence when it came to being in an office and around dentists and*

their staff, as well as patients. I was able to complete the Dental Assisting Program here at Ivy Tech and I am now a Certified Dental Assistant working in our community as a Dental Assistant as well as an adjunct teacher for the Ivy Tech Dental Assisting Program.” **Kasey Davis**

ALUMNI QUOTE: *“The dental program at the Kokomo Area Career Center definitely helped prepare me to become a dental professional. I was able to decide before pursuing my college career that I wanted to become a dental hygienist. When I started my professional program, I was already way ahead of my classmates in my dental knowledge and my office experience. I felt confident in my skills and already was comfortable being in an office. I had experience working with patients because I had practical experience through my KACC internship. This gave me the confidence I needed to pursue my career. I love being a dental hygienist in my community and having a career that I love!”* **Kailie Buckalew**



C.N.A

(Certified Nursing Assistant)

ABOUT: Students begin their education with a combination of classroom and lab time where they learn seventy-two (72) resident care procedures. Kokomo Area Career Center has a simulated long-term care facility where students are able to learn and practice these skills. Upon completion of this segment, students then complete 75 clinical hours at a local long-term care facility where they collaborate with nurses and C.N.A.'s learning the day-to-day operations and procedures. Successful completion of this course allows students to sit for the Indiana State Department of Health exam to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.



LICENSE/CERTIFICATION: *Indiana State Department of Health Certified Nursing Assistant*

ALUMNI QUOTE: *“Attending the Kokomo Area Career Center was one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life. I was introduced to the KACC my sophomore year during a meet-and-greet about their programs at my school. I was particularly interested in the C.N.A. (Certified Nursing Assistant) program, since I had wanted to be a nurse my entire life. I signed up, and was accepted my junior year. The program was tough, but SO worth it! The class not only taught me the skills to be a good C.N.A., but also important life skills, such as confidence and time management, to name a few. My senior year, I continued at KACC with the Health Practicum class that allowed me to job shadow different department personnel in the hospital, where I found my love for emergency nursing. Thanks to the KACC, I received a big head start on my nursing career! I HIGHLY recommend the KACC to everyone. I just can’t put into words how thankful I am for all that I learned from those KACC programs!”* **Katie Babbs, RN, Emergency Department, Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie IN**

Medical Assisting

ABOUT: Students will prepare for the National Healthcare Association Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) Exam. Instruction includes taking and recording vital signs, preparing patients for examination, patient education and assisting the physician during this exam. The collection and preparation of laboratory specimens and basic laboratory tests will be covered. Students will learn preparations for the administration of medication, venipuncture, ECG and wound care. This class provides a basic understanding of the clinical and administrative duties pertinent to medical offices; as well as the responsibilities, including medical correspondence and records, case histories of patients, filing, appointment scheduling and receptionist duties. Students also participate in an internship/job shadow experience during their second semester.

CERTIFICATION: *Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)*

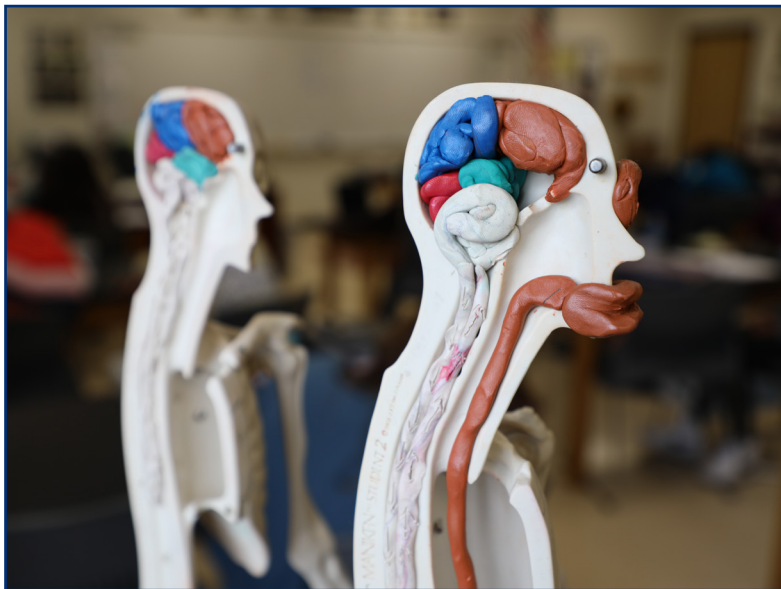
Exercise Science

ABOUT: Exercise Science students learn how to identify different types of injuries to the body, the anatomy of each joint of the body, how to build rehabilitation programs for each joint of the body and body mechanics. The exercise science program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing a career in Physical Therapy, Athletic Training or Occupational Therapy.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Most students who complete our Exercise Science program are accepted into a college program.

ALUMNI QUOTE: *“My time at the Kokomo Area Career Center; above all else, helped prepare me for my college classes. I felt better equipped to handle the technology demands certain classes had and even felt I had an advantage over other students. I learned how to collaborate with people who have ideas that they want to become reality. I’m really thankful for the opportunities I had at the Kokomo Area Career Center!”*

Skyler Ridenour



Biomedical (Project Lead the Way)

ABOUT: The Biomedical pathway is designed for students who want a laboratory hands-on exposure to the health careers field. Students have the opportunity to study cancer cells and DNA, learn how to use micropipettes, microscopes, incubators, digital scales, and hot plates. Biomedical students are introduced to anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and molecular biology, while they also dissect sheep hearts, cow eyes, and pig kidneys.

CO/PREREQUISITE: Biology I

ALUMNI BRAGS: Many Biomedical students have gone on to college and earned their Registered Nurse (RN) license. One former KACC student currently is attending the IU School of Medicine.

STUDENT QUOTE: *“From a young age I knew I wanted to work in health care but taking classes at the Kokomo Area Career Center helped guide me to my Nursing career. Having the opportunity to take KACC classes related to my interests helped me make a career choice that I was confident in before going to college. I am so thankful for all of the experiences and teachers I had at the Kokomo Area Career Center!”*

Katelyn Rutherford, BSN



Construction Trades

ABOUT: Construction Trades students gain skills needed to construct a home- from the ground to the roof. Students work with concrete, framing, installing electrical outlets and switches, installing plumbing, making rafters, sheeting and roofing. Students also have the opportunity to do work with masonry, welding and woodworking.

CERTIFICATIONS: *NCCER Core Certifications*

HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)

ABOUT: Students learn theory and application of HVAC systems. Students then progress to the practical application of the skill sets and prove proficiency through the application of hands-on task analysis. Students will have the opportunity to visit job sites and perform services in a real-world application. Upon successful completion of the HVAC pathway, students have the opportunity to earn a certificate in HVAC/R Technology from Ivy Tech Community College. With this credential students can earn 7 nationally-recognized certifications, including OSHA 10 Safety and the EPA 608 certification.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Graduates have multiple options, including a Union apprenticeship program, post-secondary education and/or directly entering the HVAC workforce.



LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:
*OSHA 10, EPA 608,
HVAC Excellence Work Ready*

Electrical

ABOUT: Students learn theory and application of Electrical systems. Students then progress to the practical application of the skill sets and prove proficiency through the application of hands-on task analysis. Students have the opportunity to visit job sites and perform services in a real-world application. Upon successful completion of the Electrical pathway, students will earn NCCER certifications in 6 areas of electrical proficiency, OSHA 10 Safety and a Technical Certificate from Ivy Tech Community College.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Graduates have multiple options including the Union apprenticeship program, post-secondary education and/or directly entering the Electrical workforce.



LICENSE/CERTIFICATION: *OSHA 10*

Cosmetology

ABOUT: Students learn skills and techniques related to the art of hairdressing, such as hair cutting, coloring, perming, and chemical relaxing, aesthetics such as facials and waxing; and manicuring and pedicuring. Students have the opportunity to compete in SkillsUSA and attend America's Beauty Show in Chicago, IL. This program requires 1,500 hours of classroom time to complete; therefore, the class is from 11:45 AM – 4:45 PM each school day with a 2:20 PM release on Fridays. Upon completion of the two-year program students will be eligible to sit for their Indiana State Cosmetology License.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Graduates of the KACC Cosmetology School are employed at local salons, such as Posh, Solutions, Great Clips, Barlow's Barbershop and Fade. Several graduates manage their own salons.



LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:
Indiana State Cosmetology



LICENSES/CERTIFICATION:
ProStart Certification
(National Restaurant Association)
ServSafe Manager

Culinary Arts

ABOUT: Students learn culinary, management and problem-solving skills through hands-on, real-life experiences. Students provide catering services to the public and practice using commercial equipment and large quantity production. Students can choose to participate in Culinary, Baking, and Management competitions where students can show off their skills and passions for the opportunity to win scholarships. Students also compete in a Cook Around the World competition at Disney World where students are judged by celebrity chefs and have an additional opportunity for scholarships.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Culinary students have placed in the top three at state competitions. After earning the ServSafe certification, students have been promoted by their employer - including to Manager.

Human And Social Services

ABOUT: Students in this pathway learn the basic skill set required in Human and Social Services. KACC students are introduced to the Code of Ethics, mental health diagnosis, treatment options, and the skills required of an entry level Human Services Worker. Students will learn to identify the effects of culture, trauma, and socioeconomic status on clients. Students will understand how clients react differently to situations because of their culture. During the second year of the program, students job shadow in an agency so they can apply the skills learned in real-life situations.



Radio & Television Production

ABOUT: Students learn how to produce programming for radio, television, and digital audiences. Many opportunities are available to create productions in a variety of formats. While all students learn to use audio and video equipment, many projects are customized to fit student interests and future pursuits. While not required, journalism and creative writing are classes that would be helpful for a radio and TV student.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Our Radio and TV alumni can be found in the television industry as a news anchor, a broadcast producer, a video editor, and an actor. KACC alumni also are in radio as morning show hosts while several own their own video companies. Those KACC students not entering this career field have benefited from enhanced skills in communications, troubleshooting, and teamwork.



ALUMNI QUOTE: *"I never would have had the safe space to expand my knowledge outside of a traditional classroom setting if it weren't for the programs at Kokomo Area Career Center. I think differently and KACC teachers gave me the space to be different and discover where I wanted to take my career. Ms. Guest and what I learned in the KACC Television Production course was a pivotal point in the early stages of my career. Now I am creating visual masterpieces in commercial and narrative spaces for popular brands such as Netflix, Google, and Nike. I am so grateful to the Kokomo Area Career Center for putting me on the path for a happy and successful life."* **Nathan Miles, Filmmaker, US NAVY Veteran**

Digital Design

ABOUT: Students learn the Adobe software programs, Photoshop and Illustrator, and then students practice these skills by creating logos, illustrations for items, such as book jackets, magazine covers, business cards, signs, and t-shirts. Students learn the operation of cameras and how to edit photos. Students also can learn how to manage social media for a business.

ALUMNI QUOTE: *"I initially took graphic design classes because I wasn't sure what I wanted to do after high school, but I knew it was connected to art, which was one of my passions, and I thought it sounded like fun. Throughout the two years of classes at the Kokomo Area Career Center, I discovered a passion for design while learning important skills in the Adobe suite, and am now pursuing a degree; and eventually, a career in graphic design through Ball State University. I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't been given the opportunity to learn new things and expand my personal horizons through the Kokomo Area Career Center."*

Lauren Sukle, Ball State University



LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:
**ADOBE Illustrator and
ADOBE Photoshop**

STEM Design And Engineering

(Project Lead the Way)

ENGINEERING: Students in the Engineering pathway learn basic concepts from force calculations to electrical circuit calculations to programming software to CAD design which all fields of engineering use during the course of their everyday jobs. Students also have the opportunity to experience 3D printing and laser engraving.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Students learn AutoCAD software and become skilled in creating blueprint drawings. Architecture students design homes, and become familiar with how to dimension blueprints (show measurements) with basic building requirements. Mechanical students design objects and learn how to create drawings that show different views of their project. Students also have the opportunity to experience laser engraving.

PATHWAY BRAGS: Several Architectural design students have earned direct admit to the Ball State School of Architecture as incoming freshmen. This direct admit is due to the portfolio created during their two-year KACC pathway.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Many students have earned Engineering degrees, a KACC student is currently a Lead Engineer for Delta Faucet.

ALUMNI QUOTE: *"I've accomplished much in my career during the 20 years since my experience at the Kokomo Area Career Center. I have earned multiple patents, and I have designed the fuel system for almost all Buell motorcycles. Every Johnson-Evinrude outboard engine has my patented vapor separator mounted on it and shoppers go to HomeDepot to purchase many of the products I've designed. I've found myself in quite a successful position, especially considering the lack of a college degree. I want to thank Mr. Byam. Sure, my drive and skill set, but I wouldn't have had the necessary foundation to build upon if it were not for Mr. Byam. I appreciate Mr. Byam's patience with me during those KACC years and I want Mr. Byam to know that he impacts the lives of his KACC students. I appreciate what Mr. Byam has done for me."* **Jerry Hayes**



CERTIFICATIONS: Autodesk AutoCAD Certified User, Autodesk Inventor Professional Certified User



CERTIFICATION: *CompTIA A+*

Cyber Security

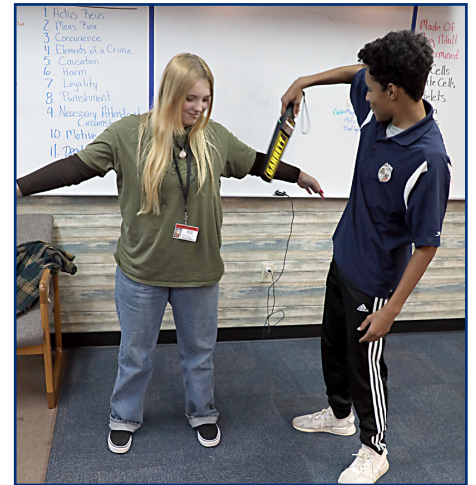
ABOUT: Students will learn basic programming and algorithms, while understanding how to build, install and maintain devices and software as well as basic networking and security. Students also will prepare for the CompTIA A+ Certification Exam. During the second year of the pathway, which will be experienced on the Ivy Tech-Kokomo campus, students will learn to set up and troubleshoot routers and switches for a small network, as well as understanding the technologies and techniques used in creating a secure network.

Criminal Justice

ABOUT: Students study the three main areas of the Criminal Justice system; policing, courts, and corrections. Kokomo Area Career Center students learn how these systems function separately and how they work together to make up our criminal justice system. Career exploration in all fields also is a key component of the curriculum. Students participate in activities, such as fingerprinting, mock trials, mock arrests, mock pullover; and analyze criminal behavior. Students are exposed to forensics, criminology and culture awareness, as well as visiting facilities such as the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Vohne Liche Kennels, Kinsey Juvenile Facility, Howard County Circuit Court, the IUK Crime Lab, a 911 Dispatch Location, a County Jail tour, and ride in a SWAT vehicle. Many guest speakers, including; Military representatives, Kokomo Police Officer, State Police Officer, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Officer, Probation officer, Juvenile Prosecutor, Coroner, Detective, Correctional Officer, Bomb Squad representative, Public Defender, Victim's Advocate, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officer, Entomologist, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer and a paralegal, share their experiences with our KACC students.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Former KACC Criminal Justice students are employed with the Howard County Jail, the Howard County Sheriff's Department, the Kinsey Youth Facility, and as a counselor at the Miami County Correctional Facility.

STUDENT QUOTE: *"My time spent at Kokomo Area Career Center in Criminal Justice class helped me shape where I wanted to go. I considered a career in law enforcement when I started high school. Shortly after, I learned that the Kokomo Area Career Center offered Criminal Justice courses. While being in the program I was exposed to numerous guest speakers with expertise in different Criminal Justice careers. We went on many field trips; and the one to a county jail gave me insight about how the other side of law enforcement worked as well as seeing how inmates are housed and the day-to-day operations. I'm very thankful for my 2 years at the Kokomo Area Career Center"* **Kody Detamore, Deputy, Howard County Sheriff's Department**



CERTIFICATIONS: *Emergency Telecommunicator Certification (by National Academies of Emergency Dispatch NAED), Certified Indiana County Jail Officer (by Indiana Law Enforcement Academy ILEA), CPR (Red Cross)*

Business/Marketing

ABOUT: The Business Marketing program progresses through an introductory business class to marketing fundamentals; and then to more targeted and strategic marketing. Both virtual and real-world scenarios are used to illustrate the concepts students learn.

Entrepreneurship

ABOUT: Entrepreneurship students at the Kokomo Area Career Center are responsible for real businesses and understand the real-time application of what they are learning in class. The students operate a vending machine, screen printing, embroidery, and a large format printing business. Students are responsible for marketing, customer acquisition, new product development, sourcing materials, production, and accounting. Because students are responsible for working with clients and resolving problems (with instructor support and supervision) they improve communication, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills.

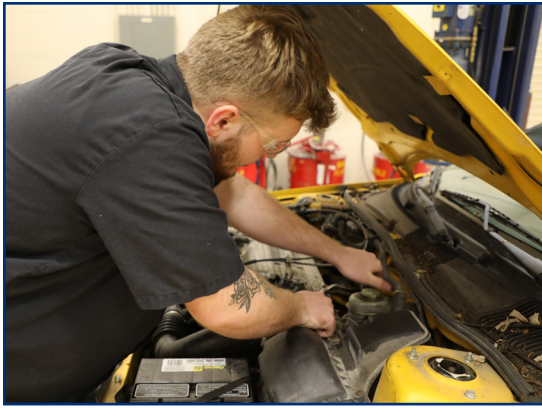
STUDENT QUOTE: *“The entrepreneurship class at the Kokomo Area Career Center has prepared me for my future endeavors in business and life. This class allowed me to grow and learn the skills necessary for my life after high school.”* Marcos Castorena, Entrepreneur, Electrician Apprentice, IVY Tech



Kokomo CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities)

ABOUT: The Kokomo CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program is much more than a textbook course. Students are immersed in real-life learning experiences with the opportunity to take risks, manage the results, and learn from the outcomes. Students visit a wide variety of businesses throughout the Kokomo area and learn from the owners what it means to start and maintain a successful business. Students learn about the failures and successes along the way. Students conduct a business in class - historically the CEO Summit - and create a business. Their individual businesses are showcased at the CEO Trade Show.

STUDENT QUOTE: *“CEO has provided me with great mentors who have challenged my work ethic and radically expanded my way of thinking to see beyond the box we often confine ourselves to, allowing me to pursue opportunities I wouldn’t have dreamed of otherwise. CEO has, and always will, be the most pivotal time in my high school career.”* Cortlandt Kalkstein, IUPUI, HR Intern - IMMI



Automotive Service

ABOUT: Automotive Service students learn the correct way to perform basic maintenance and do light repair on modern vehicles. KACC students learn how to properly diagnose and repair electrical and electronic systems, antilock brake systems, and traction control systems. Students also can earn several industry certifications.

ALUMNI BRAGS: Several of our graduates went directly into the workforce and earned promotions to shop foreman, service manager, and even the general manager. KACC auto service graduates work on pit crews for NASCAR and NHRA teams.

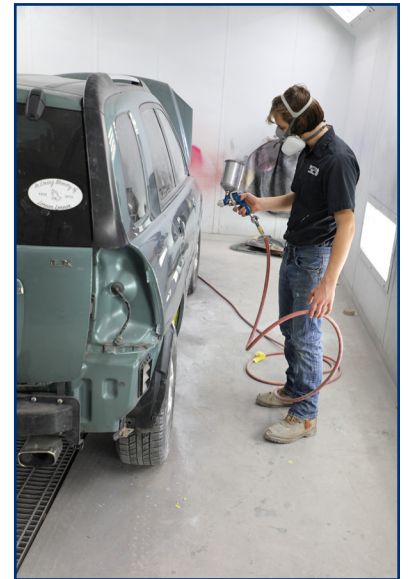
LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:

ASE Maintenance and Light Repair

Automotive Collision Repair

ABOUT: Collision Repair students learn technical skills, such as dent removal, application of plastic filler to repair dents, and the process of priming a vehicle for final paint. Students also learn custom painting and how to use an airbrush for more detailed designs. In May of each year the Collision Repair and Automotive Service classes host a car show at the Kokomo Area Career Center. Collision Repair students build and custom paint the trophies that are awarded to participants.

STUDENT QUOTE: *“While at the Kokomo Area Career Center, I learned many valuable lessons, not only about Collision Repair, but also about several things in life. I learned the value of a good work ethic, the value of presenting myself as a professional, and most importantly, the value of a good education. The skills I learned at the Kokomo Area Career Center also have come in handy in my everyday life. Things, like respect for others, or how to work with almost anyone, and the value of knowledge about any subject. I would encourage anyone able to take a class in the KACC because you will learn so much more than just the subject area. Awesome place... The Kokomo Area Career Center with awesome people.”* **Jaden Fewell,**
Corporal, US Army



LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:

*ASE Structural Repair,
ASE Mechanical Repair,
ASE Painting & Refinishing,
ASE Non-Structural Repair*

STUDENT QUOTE: *“I learned so much by being in the Collision Repair program, which helped me prepare for life after high school. College isn’t meant for everyone; and for some students, this is our way into a bright future thanks to all the opportunities that come our way by being at the Kokomo Area Career Center. I’ve learned a lot from Mr. Shoffner, not only how to do body work on a car, but also how to be a problem solver, how to take criticism without lashing back, and to finish stuff in a timely manner. I graduated in 2020 right when the pandemic hit and although I don’t work in a body shop, I still use the skills that I learned in that class as well as the lessons Mr. Shoffner taught me. Thanks to Mr. Shoffner and this Body Shop class, I was more prepared for life outside of school than I would have been otherwise.”*
Dale Gonzalez

Testimonials for KACC

"I found my time at the Kokomo Area Career Center to be a very important building block in my ventures towards working in an art-related career. Much of what I learned in my KACC Graphic Design class, I still use to this day and has proven useful in so many other aspects of life, too! From creating business cards, logos and infographics to the basic knowledge of color, layout and design as a tattoo artist; I still use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator on a daily basis. Often I find myself referring back to what I was taught back in those years at KACC. Not only did that Design class help me to achieve more solid results in my career; but also it opened a door to many freelance design opportunities. The KACC classroom environment itself was always one that I enjoyed because I was able to work and learn in a creative space where even on the simplest of assignments my only real limit was my own creativity, and that experience proved to be incredibly beneficial. I believe without the Kokomo Area Career Center, its wonderful teachers, and the positive class environment, I wouldn't have been able to advance artistically in the same ways that I have today. Beyond happy to have chosen that KACC class!" **Katelyn Bilby**

"Through my time in the Kokomo Area Career Center, the classes I took helped me expand my range of design skills. My junior year in Interactive Media, I explored various mediums, including photography, videography, sound design, and graphic design. My senior year I decided to take Graphic Design so that I could gain a more in-depth understanding. This became one of my favorite courses from my high school career, and I learned so much about design while creating pieces digitally. My experience in the Kokomo Area Career Center is what pushed me to study New Media, Art & Technology at IUK and I am so grateful for the opportunities I have experienced." **Brittany Lucas**

"I loved my time in the Kokomo Area Career Center because the KACC taught me so much about what I needed to know in college with Intro to Digital Media and Graphic Design. Knowing the basics helped me get an easier grasp on stuff, like storyboarding for my college level class! Both KACC teachers I had were super supportive and interested in what I wanted to do and allowed me to have creative freedom!" **Danny Chapel**

"I spent my junior and senior year in Criminal Justice at the Kokomo Area Career Center. For as long as I can remember I wanted to be a police officer. I didn't realize how many different areas and specialties were available until I attended Criminal Justice classes. We were exposed to many guest speakers, went on field trips such as to Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Kinsey Youth Facility, a local jail, and a facility where police K9s were trained. I am thankful for my time at the Kokomo Area Career Center. The teacher, materials, speakers, and trips only made me want to pursue a policing career more. I continued my education in Criminal Justice by attending Vincennes University where I was a police cadet. After a year at Vincennes, I transferred to IUK where I recently completed an internship with the Indiana State Police. I have my BS in Criminal Justice, and plan to apply to the Indiana State Police Department."

Jessica (Reardon) Hill