

To: Dr. Weikle & The Board of Education
From: Angie Codron, Normal West HS Principal
Re: Kiarra King
Date: June 18, 2025



Kiarra King is a Central Illinois Winner, where only 2 winners from the whole State were selected. She was also selected as the **National Winner** of the 2025 National NCWIT Aspirations in Computing (AIC) High School Award- we have never had a student win at the National level before for the NCWIT (National Center for Women & Information Technology) organization. As part of this honor, Kiarra was flown out to the national conference in North Carolina to speak about Normal West and the opportunities provided in the area of computer science. She was also able to connect with students from other schools around the nation. She was surrounded by women in leadership, specifically in the Information Technology field, as the event was hosted at the Bank of America headquarters. She was recognized at the regional affiliate award event, had the opportunity to

receive additional scholarships, internship opportunities, computing resources and induction into the AIC Community!

Kiarra will be attending San Diego State University on a full ride scholarship that is merit based and is part of the Honors college program. She will be completing an internship with Amazon next Summer in the Amazon Future Engineer Program in Seattle and as part of this internship Amazon contributes \$40,000 toward her continued education at San Diego State. Kiarra also won the local rotary scholarship which consisted of applications, interviews, and an awards ceremony.

In getting to talk with Kiarra about this amazing opportunity, she mentioned she would like to give special thanks to all of the amazing STEM teachers at Normal West High School and to Heartland Community College as Kiarra also earned an associates degree prior to graduating high school! Congratulations Kiarra!

[Reminder: allow recipient to introduce anyone with them and allow for pictures]