



## Missouri Student and Graduate Profile

At just 18 years old, Kinzie Doll is already well on her way to building a successful career in Information Technology (IT). Her journey in networking began in 2005 when, as a junior at the Summit Technology Academy (STA) in Lee's Summit, Missouri, Kinzie decided to enroll in the Cisco® Networking Academy®. Since then, Kinzie has not only competed and won at local and state technology competitions but also became the first female to receive a computer certification at STA.

After graduating high school, Kinzie was hired as a technology assistant with the Liberty Public School district. "The best part about the Networking Academy is the opportunities that you are given inside the course work, in your future education, and in your career," she says.

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Kinzie recalls first becoming interested in technology and computers during the seventh grade, but it wasn't until high school that she was introduced to networking. She successfully completed the Cisco IT Essentials curriculum her junior year and was the first female student at STA to earn her CompTIA A+ and I-Net+ certifications. Near the end of her junior year, Kinzie pursued and obtained a summer internship at the Liberty Public School District. The technology director was so impressed with her that he invited her to continue the internship and asked her to consider a full-time position in the future.

As a student Kinzie won multiple awards at the SkillsUSA competitions. During her senior year, she placed second in the district Internetworking competition, which qualified her for the Missouri State SkillsUSA Championship where she took home the first place prize. Kinzie then went on to become the first female contestant to represent Missouri in the Internetworking category at the National SkillsUSA Championships, where she placed in the top five.

Kinzie's honors continue beyond SkillsUSA. In 2007, she became one of only a handful of high school students to receive a Cisco Networking Academy 4R Recognition Award. Additionally, she was named "Senior of the Year" at her high school.

Lisa Oyler, Networking Academy instructor at STA says, "Kinzie has gone above and beyond in taking advantage of what the Networking Academy has to offer. Although she has been offered full-time employment, her future plans include completing her four-year degree."

Through a partnership between STA and Metropolitan Community College (MCC), Kinzie earned 34 dual-credit hours during her junior and senior years in high school. She put these credits and an MCC scholarship to use when she enrolled at MCC in August 2007 to pursue an associate degree in science.




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Kinzie has since earned her Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA®) certification and continues to work for Liberty Public Schools, helping staff with computer maintenance, assisting teachers in the classroom, and addressing additional computer projects as they arise. In July 2008, she plans to continue her education by attending DeVry University in Kansas City,

Missouri where she intends to apply her MCC credits toward a bachelor's degree in networking and communications management. Kinzie also plans to add the Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP®) to her growing list of certifications.

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