

## **Brain Gain**

**The best way to predict the future is to create it.**

Amy Haag, daughter of Mayor Larry Haag and Janet Haag graduated from WHS in 2005 and enrolled at Indiana University. At IU she studied International Studies with a focus on 'Chinese' Eastern Asian Studies. In 2009 she graduated from IU and spent the next six months living in China. While in China she taught Global Affairs and the English language to Chinese students, ages 16 to 40. She enjoyed her time teaching in China but became very aware of the high cost of living.

Amy moved from China and spent the summer of 2010, in Monterey, California where she continued her Far East studies, completing an intensive Chinese language course. Once again in California she realized the high cost of living there and said that this is one of the reasons she recommends living in a small community. She also said, "I moved back because of the growth opportunities over the next five years. I want to be a part of it and of course it is always nice to be home."

After Amy returned to Washington and saw the growth opportunities she accepted the position of Associate Consultant with the MEK Group. Their focus is on business to business public relations and marketing to boost the economic development in areas such as Daviess County. Along with her current position Amy is a member of the American China Society of Indiana and sits on the Event Planning Committee. She also recently originated the Daviess County Young Professionals Group and holds the position of president. Amy states, "Daviess County is on the brink of great growth. It is an ideal time for young people to come back to the area and set up a new business."

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**"The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."**

**Socrates**