



"THRIVE ON COMPETITION."

Damian Albisu

... EARLY COLLEGE HONOR STUDENT
... ATHLETE ... JROTC STANDOUT
... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

If everything goes as planned, this senior could become the first Michigan City High School student to attend West Point.

ON POINT: MCHS senior Damian Albisu is entering the final phase of the application process at the prestigious West Point Military Academy. He hopes to study mechanical and electrical engineering, serve as an officer in the Army, and ultimately pursue a career in aerospace. "When I was little, I was always fascinated with space. I've always wanted to work on rockets or

NATURAL LEADER: Damian's mother is in the military, so he moved frequently as a child. Last year she moved again to Washington State, but Damian stayed behind to finish up at

airplanes."

City, with support from his grandfather. But he's got plenty to keep him busy: He's a member of the JROTC, a two-time team captain for the Wolves' Cross Country team, a Track standout, a Wrestler, and a member of the National Honor Society.

MOTIVATED: Thanks to the MCHS Early College program, Damian will graduate with a 3.8 GPA and more than 40 college credits under his belt. "My counselor, Ms. LaMarr, and my teachers pushed me to take Academic Honors classes, which motivated me to work harder. Then they put me in AP classes, and I'm so thankful for that. It all molded me to be a stronger student."

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "I thrive in a competitive atmosphere. Always try your best, always give your all. Never hold back."

Did you know?

MCHS has 96 cadets in its Marine Corps JROTC program, which emphasizes service, leadership, and character development. Future military enlistment is not a requirement of the program.

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