

"Any goal is achievable." Pauline Lutton

... ENERGY ACADEMY STUDENT ... HONOR STUDENT, JROTC LEADER ... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

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Pauline Lutton is a successful Michigan City High School senior who happens to be the only girl enrolled in the NIPSCO Energy Academy at the A. K. Smith Career Center.

POWER PLAYER: This is Pauline's second year in the Energy Academy, where she's learning skills to prepare for a future career in the energy industry – and an apprenticeship with IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers).

EXTRA SPARK: Pauline has been accepted to every college where she's applied. She plans to major in electrical engineering and minor in business; her goal is to work for an electric company initially and to start a business in 10 or 15 years. "I've decided to attend Ivy Tech in Valparaiso in the American Honors program, so I can get the internship I want."

CITY STRONG: Pauline attended

Niemann Elementary and Krueger Middle School before MCHS. She is currently the second-highest ranking cadet in the JROTC, vice-president of civics and community service for the JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program, and a member of the National Honor Society and Technical Honor Society. "I've had a lot of 'school moms,' teachers who have pushed and supported me. If they see me having a rough day, they pull me aside and encourage me to get back on track.. Those teachers have contributed greatly to my current and future success."

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "People have told me my goals are impossible because I'm a woman. So then I go and prove them wrong, and that's fun."

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