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PAUL TOBALT XII

... JROTC & ROTC STANDOUT
... FUTURE MARINE & POLICE OFFICER
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There's been a "Paul Tobalt" in every generation of Paul Tobalt XII's family since the 16th century, which makes him sound a little like royalty. Maybe that's why this 2014 Michigan City High School grad has noble ideals!

JROTC VIP: In high school, Paul earned a national ROTC Scholarship from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. It's covering his tuition and textbooks at Purdue University in West Lafayette, where he's a law and society major with naval science and history minors and a concentration in criminal justice and racial and ethnic diversity.

SERVICE MINDED: After college, Paul will be commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps as a second lieutenant. One day, he hopes to work as a police officer in a major metropolitan area. "As a law enforcement officer and in the Marines, I'll work with people of many races and cultures. Because of recent instances of police brutality against minorities, I want to do my part to bridge that gap and find a mutual peace."

PASSION TO LEAD: Paul credits his JROTC instructors at MCHS with setting him on a solid path, especially Major Tom McGrath and Master Sgt. Jeff Benak. "Without them, I wouldn't be here. I learned about college opportunities through them, and they presented me with so many ways to grow and develop as a leader."

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "Determination. If I'm given an opportunity to grow as a leader, as a student, or as a person, I'm taking it. At MCHS, I used every volunteer opportunity and every moment in the classroom to become a better person."



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