

How many high school students do you know who do more before 6AM than most people do all day? Milford Mill Senior, Private First Class, Josean Ioel Osoria (also known as I.I.) is one student who does that and much more. During the summer before senior year, most seniors and all other students are spending time with their family and friends. J.J. spent the summer before his senior year in army basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Although the September 2nd basic training graduation date meant that he would have to start his senior year about a week and a half after his peers, for J.J. this was not a hard decision. He has been enrolled in the Milford Mill MJROTC program since he entered the Milford Mill Health Sciences Magnet program in 9th grade.

As a well-respected stand out student who consistently represents his school and his family in an exemplary manner, Josean has also distinguished himself as exceptional athlete; playing both soccer and baseball while holding a full-time job at Jiffy Lube, and preparing to complete the 100+ hours of required clinical work experience to earn certification as a nursing assistant through the Milford Mill Health Sciences Magnet Program. Osoria's certification through the magnet program will mean that he receives an increased ranking above the other newly enlisted servicemen. In addition to working and going to school, Osoria has also begin serving the United States Army by assisting with school and community based recruitment events, and training enlisted soldiers who have not yet left for basic training. Additionally,



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he also serves at the will of the state and may be called in to assist with emergency situations within the state of Maryland.

His ranking also means that his role as a student in the MJROTC program has changed. He now serves as more of an assistant to Milford MJROTC instructors Major Luke Wright and Sargent Troy Douglas. While his friends say that he has changed and seems more mature and focused, JJ says that he still feels the same. He is very excited about his future. He has received a full scholarship to Morgan State University where he plans to continue in JROTC and major in biology with the goal of becoming a military physician.