

## "i'm drawn to a challenge" **Dustin Rivich**

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oops, rolls, and spins are all in a day's work for Dustin Rivich, who placed third at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships in 2014 in the glider category and qualified for the World Aerobatic Championships in 2015.

**HIGH FLYER:** Dustin, who aspires to be a fighter pilot, is a second lieutenant pilot trainee in the U.S. Air Force and is currently stationed in Texas. Last year he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class from the Air Force Academy, where he majored in

mechanical engineering with a minor in Spanish. "Flying for the Air Force gives me a sense of purpose; I'm doing this for a cause."

IN THE AIR: Dustin discovered his love of aerobatics during his junior year at the Air Force Academy. "When I'm flying, it's a thrill, a rush. There's both camaraderie and competition among pilots. The Air Force has high expectations, and there's so much to learn. I'm drawn to the challenge."

MC ROOTS: Dustin attended Coolspring Elementary and Barker Middle School, and graduated from Michigan City High School with highest distinction in 2011. "City offers so many opportunities, from advanced classes to extracurriculars. It's a quality education with an emphasis on well-roundedness that prepared me really well for college."

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** "Use your strengths to help others, and when you're struggling, they'll be there to help you. Teamwork is an Air Force philosophy."

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