

To Camo from Jerseys

After three years of long practices, late games and tons of laughs with her teammates, senior Christi Molina has made a decision that will alter her life forever.

"I made my own decision and thought about it. I put myself in charge of [my life]," Molina said. "It was a hard decision, but it's for the best."

Due to limited resources, Molina decided her best option after high school was not college, but the army instead. She says the benefits that will come with the army were not something to pass up.

"The opportunities and benefits that I get from the army are what motivated me," Molina said.

Although this is her first year being on the varsity soccer team, Molina has grown close her teammates, due to shared practices and being in the same grade level.

"My friends are what I will miss the most, because we're like a family. Everybody interacts with each other," Molina said. "And the moments we spend together, the memories, [are what I'll miss most.]"

The determination and effort that Molina puts into soccer are what made her believe in herself and her abilities to make it in the army.

"Having the motivation and the stamina to actually handle the work outs, the running and [training that I will have to endure]," Molina said.

One of Molina's goals is to travel, and she expects the army to give her the chance to accomplish



#NCJournalism2015 - Learning to defend, seniors Christi Molina and Maria Gonzalez practice for their first district game against Rockwall, photo by Maria Guerra

this goal. She also said the army is not that different from her experience in soccer.

"Everything's about team work, and leaving no man behind, you know? You're working together as a unit and as a team," Molina said.

Being part of a team provided Molina with a strong support system to help prepare her, not only for this transition, but for any others she will have to make in her life.

"Everybody's support, and their help, it was all good motivation to do my best and [never] give up," Molina said.

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