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As a scholar at NIU who is majoring in rehabilitation services, Cadet Avila is very active on campus.

She is a member of Deaf Pride and holds a home health certificate in assistant nursing. Additionally, she is the recipient of several awards including the Cadet Scholar Award, the Silver Medal Athlete Award, the Bronze Medal Athlete Award, the Scholastic Excellence Award and the American Legion Award.

In the summer of 2014, she served as a cultural understanding and language proficiency cadet who participated on a task force OSO-Beyond the Horizons service mission in Guatemala.