

(LONE TREE, CO) – Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) today announced the nomination of forty-eight high school students from Colorado’s Sixth Congressional District for appointment to the United States service academies.

“As a member of Congress, I have the honor of nominating promising young men and women to compete for appointment to the United States service academies,” said Coffman. “I am extremely confident these young people will represent the Sixth District with distinction.”

The following is a list of all Sixth District nominees for the class of 2017:

United States Air Force Academy

- Kristen Leigh Mattson, Cherokee Trail High School
- Sydney Anne Rohlwing, Regis Jesuit High School Girls Division
- Keith Wesley Mansfield, Legend High School
- Tanner Cruz Thompson, Elizabeth High School

- Saylor Masotti Gilbert, Rock Canyon High School
- Lawrence Alexander D'Agostino III, Rock Canyon High School
- Ellen Yunjue Cho, Grandview High School
- Jeffrey Thomas Sternisha, Eaglecrest High School
- Cara Ann Curran, Highlands Ranch High School
- Abby Christine Specht, Heritage High School
- Nicholas Joseph Ciancio, Arapahoe High School
- Michael Joseph Guenther, Regis Jesuit High School Boys Division
- Daniel Hunter Ives, Arapahoe High School
- Nicholas Fane Bailey, Chaparral High School
- George Daniel Beals, Cherry Creek High School
- Gabriella Marcella Gray, Chatfield Senior High School
- Jack Healy Oblack, D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School
- Alex Burke Atwood, Castle View High School
- Samantha Scott Skold, Evergreen High School
- Alexander Ozawa Spoor, Cherry Creek High School

United States Merchant Marine Academy

- Jacob Kellagher Platz, Mullen High School
- Patricia Diana Ormond, D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School
- Emily Ann Finnin, Lakewood High School
- Jacob Ryan Merrick, Cherokee Trail High School
- Douglas Ian Macdonald, D'Evelyn High School
- Anders Joukim Booth, Bear Creek High School
- Robert Thomas Kreiling, Columbine High School
- Tanner Cruz Thompson, Elizabeth High School

United States Military Academy at West Point

- Joshua James Reed, Arapahoe High School
- Megan Anne Grier, Chaparral High School
- Zachary Tyler Cohen, Cherry Creek High School
- Hannah Marie Murphy, Eagle's Wings Academy Home School
- Lena Nowacki, Grandview High School
- Christopher Sun-Woo Lee, Douglas County High School
- Eric D. Williams, Rock Canyon High School
- Eloise Anne Bacon, Douglas County High School
- Joseph Donald Nowicki, D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School
- Taylor M. Kigerl-Hill, Eaglecrest High School

United States Naval Academy

- Davis Alan Rahjes, Smoky Hill high School
- Clayton Tobin Sugg, Evergreen High School
- Hayley Mae Weir, ThunderRidge High School
- Daniel James Weathers, Glenbrook South High School
- Timothy Cheston Shutack, Ponderosa High School
- William Thomas Albyn, Arapahoe High School
- Marie Adeline Newkirk, Evergreen Senior High School
- Mitchell Brian Moore, Columbine High School
- Lauren Gates Kearney, Mullen High School
- Robert Lewis Monroe, Rock Canyon High School

Every applicant was placed through a rigorous evaluation process that included such factors as academic and athletic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, character and motivation. Applicants were also individually interviewed by Coffman's Service Academy Interview Board, which consists of U.S. service academy alumni and military veterans. Applicants were also required to submit a personal letter outlining their motivations to attend a U.S. service academy.

Sixth District candidates will be placed among a select group of nominees from across the country. Service academies will make the final selection for appointment. If selected, nominees will receive an offer of appointment directly from the academy of their choice.

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