

Coffman Announces 2010 Service Academy Nominations

(LONE TREE, CO) – Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) today announced the nomination of 50 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 50 Sixth District nominees for the class of 2015:

United States Air Force Academy

- Evan Andrew Bennett, Douglas County High School
- Christopher Hayden Blumer, Grandview High School
- Keaton Gilbreath Dillé, Golden High School
- Taylor John Ham, Valor Christian High School
- Parker Collin Jackson, Rock Canyon High School
- Michael John Loh, Mountain Vista High School
- Christine Renee Madsen, Columbine High School
- Janelle Paige Mansfield, Chaparral High School
- Andrew Kyle Miller-Bissell, Mountain Vista High School
- Tyler Alan Nading, Cherokee Trail High School
- Kyle Edward O’Brien, J.K. Mullen High School
- Emerald Tiara Peoples, Regis Jesuit High School
- Hillary Erin Redmond, Arapahoe High School
- Austin Alexander Reed, The Meadows Academy
- Hensmann Chaz Smidt, Castle View High School
- Holden Michel Steppan, Heritage High School
- Andrew Glenn Vafides, Grandview High School
- Jared Michael Wesemann, Castle View High School
- Jordan Scott Wesemann, Castle View High School
- Jacob Paul Williams, Bear Creek High School

United States Merchant Marine Academy

- Weston Chase Cowden, Grandview High School
- Alexander Charles Fong, Ponderosa High School
- Adam Roy Heimbrock, Cherry Creek High School
- Max Allan Johnson, Mountain Vista High School
- Galen Dean Miller, Strasburg High School
- Diana Patricia Ormond, D’Evelyn Jr/Sr High School
- Elliott Ryan Price, Thunder Ridge High School

- Patrick Joseph Rice, Cherry Creek High School
- Michael Cole Skorka, Golden High School
- Shawn Nicholas Wehking, Elizabeth High School

United States Military Academy at West Point

- Maxwell Konstantyn Bulba, Heritage High School
- Jeremy Hunter Cahill, Rock Canyon High School
- Austin Ray Dach, Lakewood High School
- Andrew Joseph Detwiler, Eaglecrest High School
- Sean Michael Fay, Regis Jesuit High School
- John Taylor Hamilton, Evergreen High School
- Catherine Kelsey McCaw, Evergreen High School
- Elizabeth Sondra Moton, Douglas County High School
- Camden Mills Snowden, Smoky Hill High School
- Connor Blaine Venrick, Arapahoe High School

United States Naval Academy

- Kyle Jacob Carpenter, Conifer High School
- Eric Ferrell Dement, Arapahoe High School
- Anna Nicole Funkhauser, Columbine High School
- Rachel Christina Grosskrueger, Mountain Vista High School
- David James Humiston, Strasburg High School
- Margaret Marie-Bernadette Mochel, Cherokee Trail High School
- William Pierson Parker, Ponderosa High School
- Kevin Michael Stoddard, Mountain Vista High School
- Matthew David Strong, Smoky Hill High School
- Katrina Elizabeth Thompson, Grandview 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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