

**(LONE TREE, CO)** – Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) today announced the nomination of 48 high school students from Colorado’s Sixth Congressional District for appointment to the United States service academies.

“Every year I have the honor of nominating promising young men and women to compete for an appointment to the United States service academies,” Coffman said. “This next generation of leaders represents the finest of what the Sixth Congressional District has to offer and I wish this group of nominees the very best as they pursue their commitment to serve our great nation.”

The following is a list of all 48 Sixth District nominees for the class of 2016:

**United States Air Force Academy**

Liana Blatnik, St. Mary's Academy High School

TramAnn Bui, Arvada High School

Sean Burroughs, Grandview High School

Michelle Isbester, Dakota Ridge High School

David Kessler, Arapahoe High School

Michael Loh, Mountain Vista High School

Elizabeth Ramsey, Castle View High School

Tanner Ruhl, Smoky Hill High School

Kevin Trizna, ThunderRidge High School

Matthew Vaninger, Chatfield Sr. High School

**United States Merchant Marine Academy**

Dylan Bull, Mounain Vista High School

Cara Curran, Highlands Ranch High School

Weston Iannone, Castle View High School

Douglas Macdonald, D'Evelyn High School

Kevin McMahan, Regis Jesuit Boys Division HS

Collin McNamara, Regis Jesuit Boy Division HS

Gable Prach, Regis Jesuit Boys Division HS

Camden Snowden, Smokey Hill High School

Ashton Winslow, Highlands Ranch High School

**United States Military Academy**

Connor Drinkard, ThunderRidge High School

Colin Gray, Lakewood High School

John Hamilton, Evergreen High School

Justin Hawkins, Valor Christian High School

Tanner Hudson, Columbine High School

Colan Keller, Heritage High School

Joshua Kumpf, Castleview High School

Christine La, Regis Jesuit Girls Division HS

Joseph Ladd, Cherry Creek High School

Cameron Morgenweck, Mullen High School

Abigail Mortimer, The Hill School

Gable Prach, Regis Jesuit Boys Division HS

Camden Snowden, Smokey Hill High School

Alexis Toro, Chaparral High School

Stephen Walker, Douglas County High School

Aliah Wasserman, Cherokee Trail High School

**United States Naval Academy**

Nicholas Adams, Chaparral High School

Maxwell Bulba, Heritage High School

Dylan Bull, Mounain Vista High School

Grant Caswell, Cherry Creek High School

Eric Dement, Arapahoe High School

Alexander Fong, Ponderosa High School

Wesley Goodrum, Mountain Vista High School

Weston Iannone, Castle View High School

Kameron Kranse, Douglas County High School

Kevin McMahan, Regis Jesuit Boys Division HS

Collin McNamara, Regis Jesuit Boy Division HS

William Parker, Ponderosa High School

James Reynolds, Evergreen High School

Mary Sherrill, Colorado Academy

Damian Siu, Bishop Machebeuf High School

Clayton Sugg, Evergreen High School

Danielle Tavel, Cherry Creek High School

Austin White, Arapahoe High School

Ashton Winslow, Highlands Ranch High School

Marielle Woods, Kent Denver 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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