

Congressman Hudson Nominates Students for U.S. Military Academies

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U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (NC-08) has nominated 20 students from throughout the 8th District to U.S. service academies. During a ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Montgomery Community College in Troy, Rep. Hudson congratulated the students and thanked them for their willingness to serve our country.

“As Fort Bragg’s Congressman, it’s an honor to nominate high school students for service academies each year who will go on to join the next generation of brave men and women in uniform,” said Rep. Hudson. “These students, like all others, have endured incredible challenges over the past year but are some of the best and brightest in our state and nation. I applaud them for their hard work and dedication to serving our country.”

As Representative of North Carolina’s 8th Congressional District, Rep. Hudson has the privilege of nominating a limited number of young men and women each year to four of the five service academies: the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Points, NY. If accepted, the honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation.

Cabarrus County

Emily Bertanzetti, Cox Mill High School, nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

Dean Brendle, Central Cabarrus High School, nominated to U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy

Samuel Cochran, Concord High School, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy

Michael Andrew Crawford, Cox Mill High School/ Sandhills Community College, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy

Jackson Moon, Concord High School, nominated to U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy

Elizabeth Smith, Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College High School, nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

Cumberland County

Kellen Ballou, Terry Sanford High School, U.S. Air Force Academy

Kahala Bandmann, Pine Forest High School, nominated to U.S. Military Academy

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Colin Baumgartner, Jack Britt High School, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Naval Academy

Jackson Gray, Yorktown High School/ Northeastern University, nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

Marion Harper Ray, Jack Britt High School, nominated to U.S. Military Academy

Nya Jules, Westover High School, nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

James Stover, Jack Britt High School, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Naval Academy

Hoke County

Jadiel Arana, Hoke County High School/ USNA Preparatory School, nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

Moore County

Luke Bullock, Pinecrest High School, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy

Liam McShea, Union Pines High School, nominated to U.S. Military Academy

Jaiden Washington, Pinecrest High School, nominated to U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy

Rowan County

Thomas Bristol, Gray Stone Day School, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Naval Academy

Grace Parker, A.L. Brown High School, nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

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Stanly County

Milena Mijangos-Hernandez, North Stanly High School, nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy