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Amash recognizes service academy appointees and Congressional Medal of Merit recipients

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) recognized the service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients from Michigan’s Third District at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday.

“I am honored to recognize these deserving students for their outstanding achievements. I wish them great success in their future endeavors,” said Amash.

Applicants to the service academies require a nomination by a Member of Congress. To assist with the nomination process, Amash assembled a committee of military and civic leaders who interviewed potential nominees, reviewed their applications, and made recommendations.

In addition to the 10 service academy appointees recognized, Amash honored 39 students with the Congressional Medal of Merit. The Congressional Medal of Merit recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. Recipients were nominated by their principals or guidance counselors.

Service Academy Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Noah Becker	Comstock Park High School	United States Naval Academy United States Air Force Academy
Ethan R. Cook	Marshall High School	United States Military Academy
Daniel J. Davis II	Portland High School	United States Military Academy
Alexandra Hoiles	Forest Hills Central High School	United States Naval Academy
Monica Lubis	Marshall High School	United States Air Force Academy
Timothy Naski	East Grand Rapids High School	United States Naval Academy United States Air Force Academy
Devin Price	Marshall High School	United States Military Academy United States Air Force Academy

Turner Andrew Shaw	Harper Creek High School	United States Military Academy
John Jurrien Veldkamp	Calvin Christian High School	United States Military Academy United States Air Force Academy
Ryan Whitlow	Forest Hills Central High School	United States Air Force Academy

Congressional Medal of Merit Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Yuliana Alcauter	Union High School
Jackson Bennett	Forest Hills Northern High School
Kyle Beyer	Lakeview High School
Georgetta Booker	East Kentwood High School
Travis R. Cole	Douglas R. Welch High School
Daniel Davis II	Portland High School
Carley Dibert	Union City High School
Scott Ely	Byron Center High School
Tatyona Fields	Ottawa Hills High School
Ethan Fletcher	Battle Creek Central High School
Ethan Guis	West Michigan Lutheran High School
Victoria Hager	Lakewood High School
Frederick Hallacy	St. Philip Catholic Central High School
Ebony Haynes	Byron Center Charter School
Carl Herdegen	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Aimee Kalczuk	West Catholic High School
Steven Kopf	Thornapple Kellogg High School
Allison Lang	Rockford High School
Nick Lorencen	Calhoun Christian School
Monica Lubis	Marshall High School
Taylor Mackey	Forest Hills Central High School
Josiah March	West Michigan Homeschool Fine Arts
Sally Marsh	East Grand Rapids High School
Asia Nguyen	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Alena Olsen	Caledonia High School
Katie Oomkes	Northview High School
Lennox Gill Ramsey	West Michigan Aviation Academy
Tyler Ridgeway	Homer High School
Keirstyn Romesburg	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center
Nicholas Rossi	Catholic Central High School
Bailey Sarka	Ionia High School
Turner Shaw	Harper Creek High School
Jessica Shier	South Christian High School
Kellie Spahr	Cedar Springs High School
Daniel Stapley	NorthPointe Christian High School

Joseph Warner Van Harn Grand Rapids Christian High School
Kailyn Wales Hastings High School
Andrew David Webb Barry County Christian High School
Cynthia Xiao City High Middle School

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