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## **AMASH TO RECOGNIZE SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES AND CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF MERIT RECIPIENTS**

Grand Rapids, Michigan – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) will recognize the Third Congressional District’s service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients at an awards ceremony on Saturday, April 20.

“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 that interviewed potential nominees, reviewed their applications, and made recommendations.

In addition to the service academy appointees, Amash will honor 37 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.

The ceremony and parking at the Museum are free. The ceremony is open to the public and the media.

**WHO:** Rep. Justin Amash  
Service academy appointees  
Congressional Medal of Merit recipients

**WHAT:** Awards Ceremony

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum  
303 Pearl Street NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504-5353

Amash's 2013 service academy appointees are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Sarah Baermann	Catholic Central High School	United States Military Academy
John (Jack) Brooks	West Catholic High School	United States Naval Academy and United States Air Force Academy
Seth Carozza	Rockford High School	United States Air Force Academy
Kevin Clinthorne	Rockford High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Mark Cruickshank	Rockford High School	United States Air Force Academy
Levi Helms	Greenville High School	United States Air Force Academy
Isaac Kremers	Grand Rapids Christian High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Haley Merrill	Marion Military Institute & East Kentwood High School	United States Air Force Academy
Miguel Nava	Comstock Park High School	United States Naval Academy and United States Air Force Academy
Andersson Sullivan	Rockford High School	United States Military Academy

Amash's 2013 Congressional Medal of Merit recipients are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Jesse Anderson	Union City High School
Sarah Banister	Hastings High School
Jonathan Becerril	Grand River Preparatory High School
Cooper Britt	East Kentwood High School
Allison Brown	Thornapple Kellogg High School
Diquan Brown	Ottawa Hills High School
Ryan Bunker	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Leah Carlson	Plymouth Christian High School
Seth Carozza	Rockford High School
Raquel da Silva	NorthPointe Christian High School
Sarah DenBraber	Catholic Central High School
Christian Dickinson	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center
Stephanie Dies	Byron Center Charter School
Taylor Frederick	Welch High School
Zachary Matthew Gibas	Lowell High School
Elizabeth Goodspeed	East Grand Rapids High School
Mikalah Gribbell	Northview High School
Wade Harrier	Algoma Christian School
Paul Thomas Hicks	Harper Creek High School
Arica Jackson	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Mounir Jamal	Forest Hills Central High School
Caleb Jenkins	Byron Center High School
Matthew R. Katz	Tekonsha High School
Jordan Kietzman	Lakewood High School
Carolyn Muyskens	Grand Rapids Christian High School
Rose Marie O'Grady	Barry County Christian School
Karleigh Rush	Saranac Junior/Senior High School
Cameron Simon	Portland High School
Eric Smith	Lakeview High School
Nicholas Stiles	Ionia High School
Rachel L. Thome	Sparta High School
Claire Timmer	Caledonia High School
Laura Van Dyke	Marshall High School
Daniel Vargas	Grand Rapids Union High School
Thomas Malone Waite	Cedar Springs High School
Richard P. Yacovoni	St. Philip Catholic Central High School
Ashley Zuverink	South Christian High School

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