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## **AMASH ANNOUNCES U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS**

Grand Rapids, Michigan – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) announced he has nominated 20 students from West Michigan for appointment to the U.S. Service Academies. The nominees will be considered for the class of 2017 at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Naval Academy. Nominees are not guaranteed appointment to an academy, but applicants must receive a congressional nomination to be considered.

An Academy Advisory Board assists Amash with the selection of his nominees. Criteria considered by the Advisory Board when recommending a student for nomination include academic excellence, leadership experience, and a strong commitment to a variety of extracurricular activities.

Amash nominated the following students:

U.S. Air Force Academy:

John (Jack) Brooks – West Catholic High School  
Seth Carozza – Rockford High School  
Mark Cruickshank – Rockford High School  
Levi Helms – Greenville High School  
Edward Kosta – Hastings High School  
Haley Merrill – East Kentwood High School/Marion Military Institute  
Miguel Nava – Comstock Park High School  
Troy Patton – East Kentwood High School  
Kaitlyn Roach – Rockford High School  
Leanne Tuuk – Caledonia High School/Kalamazoo Valley Community College

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:

Kevin Clinthorne – Rockford High School  
Zach Haas – Delton Kellogg High School  
Isaac Kremers – Grand Rapids Christian High School

U.S. Military Academy (West Point):

Sarah Baermann – Catholic Central High School  
Zach Haas – Delton Kellogg High School  
Edward Kosta – Hastings High School  
Haley Merrill – East Kentwood High School/Marion Military Institute

Miguel Nava – Comstock Park High School  
Jack Rozema – Wyoming High School  
Andersson Sullivan – Forest Hills Central High School

U.S. Naval Academy:

Alexis Axelrod – Forest Hills Northern High School  
John (Jack) Brooks – West Catholic High School  
Seth Carozza – Rockford High School  
Mark Cruickshank – Rockford High School  
Mikalah Gribbell – Northview High School  
Zach Haas – Delton Kellogg High School  
Edward Kosta – Hastings High School  
Hannah Kusmierz – Ionia High School  
Miguel Nava – Comstock Park High School  
Kara Smith-Hornsby – Naval Academy Prep School  
Leanne Tuuk – Caledonia High School/Kalamazoo Valley Community College

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