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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 2016 service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients from Michigan’s Third District at the Grand Rapids Art Museum on Saturday, April 30.

“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 from an authorized nominating source, which includes members of Congress. To assist with the nominating process, Amash assembled a committee of military and civic leaders who reviewed applications, interviewed potential nominees, and made recommendations.

In addition to the nine 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>
Georgia Deems	East Grand Rapids High School	United States Military Academy United States Naval Academy
Adam Farah	Forest Hills Northern High School	United States Air Force Academy
Lucas Fuhrman	Greenville High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Nathan Hein	East Grand Rapids High School	United States Military Academy
Alexander Hubbert	Belding High School	United States Air Force Academy
Andrew MacGregor	East Grand Rapids High School	United States Naval Academy
Riley Schliem	Catholic Central High School	United States Naval Academy

Benjamin Whitlow	Forest Hills Central High School	United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy
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Amy Ziccarello	Thornapple Kellogg High School	United States Military Academy
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Congressional Medal of Merit Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Warda Abdullahi	Ottawa Hills High School
Aimee Ash	Plymouth Christian High School
Alyssa Bonk	Algoma Christian School
Preston Boorsma	West Catholic High School
Ruben Eduardo Cerda	Union High School
Addison Clipfell	Caledonia High School
Mitchel Coon	Harper Creek High School
Trevor Corrigan	Northview High School
Cleashae Crowder	Battle Creek Central High School
Brian Domanski	City High Middle School
David Downey	St. Philip Catholic Central High School
Emme Dreyse	Lakewood High School
Edylyne Esese	Comstock Park High School
Lillian Grant	Homer High School
Nicholas K. Ignatoski	Rockford High School
Anna Catherine Kendall	Hastings High School
Killian Kerr	Ionia High School
Hannah Koning	South Christian High School
Gabriel Kuperus	Byron Center Charter School
Marie Lachance	East Grand Rapids High School
Damarkis Lee	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center
Sebastian Loonen	Marshall High School
Josie Manion	Saranac Jr./Sr. High School
Marilla Marks	Lowell Senior High School
Sandra Noel	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Spencer Robertson	Forest Hills Northern High School
Payton Rourke	Maple Valley High School
Jaxyn Ryks	West Michigan Aviation Academy
Cole Schneider	Portland High School
Brendan Schuen	Catholic Central High School
Charles Sisco	The Potter's House High School
Kyle Ross Spahr	Cedar Springs High School
Zoe Strooboscher	Grand Rapids Christian High School

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