

Blumenauer Nominates Outstanding Students to Military Academies

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WASHINGTON, DC --- This week, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) nominated a group of Oregon students to be considered for an appointment to one of four military academies.

The students are seniors from local high schools who were selected by the Congressman in a competitive application process. They were chosen based on their high school scholastic and extracurricular record, letters of recommendation and the results of the College Entrance Examination Board test scores. Each Representative may nominate only 10 applicants for each vacancy and only five total students from each Congressional District may attend an academy at any one time. The student's applications will go to the academies for further consideration and final selected nominees will begin classes next fall.

Congressman Blumenauer nominated the following students:

United States Military Academy:

Kristopher Stover, son of Mayriale and Carole Stover. Kristopher is a senior at Benson High School in Portland, a member of his school's National Honor Society and a varsity wrestler.

Andrei Marks, son of Josephine and Paul Marks. Andrei is a senior at Don Bosco Preparatory School in Ramsey, New Jersey. His father is on active duty in the armed services and the Marks' home of record is Brightwood, Oregon. Andrei is an annual participant in the American Diabetes Association's 50 mile Tour de Cure bicycling event, a varsity wrestler and a member of his school's National Honor Society.

United States Naval Academy:

Phillip Lusted, son of Scott and Cynthia Lusted. Phillip attends Corbett High School and is active in student government, school band, Key Club, National Honor Society and his church youth group. He has lettered in football, wrestling and baseball, and has excelled on the football field.

Kenneth Foster, son of JR and Melissa Foster. Kenneth is home schooled and attends Olympic Community College in Port Orchard, Washington. Kenneth's father is on active duty in the armed services and their home is in Portland, Oregon. Kenneth is involved with Sea Cadets-- a military training organization and is an active participant in his church youth group, Awana.

Nathan Rizzo, son of Steven and Joanne Rizzo. Nathan is a senior at Grant High School. Nathan is an active member of his school band, Key Club, Student Council, school newspaper, and National Honor Society. In addition, he plays lacrosse and runs cross-country and has maintained a part time job at the Mallory Hotel in the past.

United States Air Force Academy:

Brian Sprague, son of Larry and Lori Sprague. Brian is a senior at Portland's Franklin High School and is a wrestler, javelin tosser and football player. He is involved with organizing Pow-Wow events and fundraising activities with the Native American Youth Association.

Benjamin Griffin, son of Jeffrey and Terri Griffin of Rhododendron, Oregon. Benjamin is a senior at Lake Braddock High School, was president of his school's Chess Club for two years and is an active volunteer in his community.

Ryan Fancher, son of Ronald and Kathleen Fancher. Ryan is a senior at Governor John Rogers High School in Puyallup, Washington. Ryan's father is on active duty in the armed services and the Fancher's home of record is in Portland, Oregon. Ryan is an active member of his school band, Student Council, Language Club and National Honor Society. He has played ice hockey throughout high school and has received several awards for his athletic ability.

James Morris, son of Charles and JuDee Morris of Gresham, Oregon. James is a senior at Sam Barlow High School, plays varsity football and runs relay and pole vaults for the Track team. He has received a certificate of excellence in science and is active member of his church youth group.

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