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5 nominated for academies

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U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis has nominated five high school students from Spartanburg County for United States Service Academies.

Jared Earl and Regina Fuller of Spartanburg, Scott Banish of Woodruff, Skylar Kennedy of Lyman and Cameron Lazar of Wellford were announced as nominees on Tuesday by Inglis' office.

The candidates submitted an essay, transcripts and letters of recommendation, and were interviewed by a panel from the 4th Congressional District Office.

Being nominated does not mean that the student has gained acceptance into the school.

Inglis nominated five Upstate students each for the Air Force Academy and the Military Academy, and two students for the Naval Academy.

Earl, 17, is a senior at Spartanburg High where he plays varsity soccer.

He is involved at his church, the Episcopal Church of the Advent, and has already been accepted into the Air Force Academy.

Fuller is also a senior at Spartanburg High School and she received a nomination to the Naval Academy.

She is Cadet Battalion Commander of the JROTC, a member of the orchestra and the National Honor Society.

Banish, 17, is a senior at Southside Christian School in Simpsonville, receiving a nomination to the Military Academy.

He is chaplain of the Beta Club, vice president of the National Honor Society and a football player.

Kennedy, 17, also received a nomination to the Military Academy.

He is a senior at Byrnes High School, where he is president of the student body and co-captain of the cross country team.

Lazar, 17, is a senior at Byrnes High, receiving a nomination to the Naval Academy.

He is a member of the JROTC, marching band, a delegate in Model United Nations, and plays saxophone with the Converse Wind Ensemble.

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