

Congressman Kevin McCarthy today announced that twelve students he nominated from the 22nd Congressional District will attend one of the United States Service Academies in the fall. To date, this is the largest class of incoming cadets and midshipmen who will represent the 22nd Congressional District.

"I'm proud to see so many young people in our community accepted into one of the United States Service Academies," said Congressman McCarthy. "I am confident these bright young men and women will excel in their respective academies, and am glad they will be among those our nation relies on to help ensure our national security. It's inspiring to see so many in our community qualified and willing to serve their country."

The U.S. Service Academies are among the most highly respected and challenging educational programs in the nation. The academies are looking for well-rounded young men and women who have demonstrated character, academic excellence, physical aptitude and have served in leadership positions within their school and community. Graduates will receive a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as an officer in the uniformed services.

Congressman McCarthy will be recognizing the following students from the 22nd Congressional District at his Bakersfield Office on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. This event will be open to the press.

United States Military Academy at West Point, NY **Jorge Mazun Casares**, 19, United States Military Academy Preparatory School

· Parents: Alicia Mazun and Christopher Hernandez of Rosamond

Jesse Joseph Horne
, 18, Paso Robles High School in Paso Robles

· Parents: Joseph and Deborah Horne of Paso Robles

Mark Edward Van Kopp
, 18, Bakersfield High School in Bakersfield

- Parents: Clifford and Kristi Van Kopp of Bakersfield

Joost "Luke" DeMoes

, 18, Liberty High School in Bakersfield

- Parents: Joost and Kelly DeMoes of Bakersfield

Nicolas Andres Rodriguez

, 17, Frontier High School in Bakersfield

- Parents: Jorge and Rhonda Rodriguez of Bakersfield

United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD

Stephen Patrick Burke

, 17, Stockdale High School in Bakersfield

- Parents: Stephen and Eva Burke of Bakersfield

Kristen Rayne Ewert

, 17, Centennial High School in Bakersfield

- Parents: David and Nancy Ewert of Bakersfield

Bryce Aaron Keene

, 17, Stockdale High School in Bakersfield

- Parents: Jim and Carey Keene of Bakersfield

Spencer Charles Marsh

, 18, Paso Robles High School in Paso Robles

· Parents: Geoffrey Marsh and Kathryn McFarland

United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO

Courtney Elizabeth Bishop

, 17, Desert High School at Edwards AFB, Edwards, California

· Parents: Terry and Susan Bishop

Nicholas Andrew Nowland

, 18, Randolph High School at Randolph AFB, Texas

· Parents: Brigadier General Mark C. Nowland and Kristan Nowland of Lancaster

United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY

Baylee Ann Grier

, 18, Quartz Hill High School in Lancaster

· Parents: James and Louanne Grier of Lake Elizabeth

Special Recognition:

John Paul Conrad Wiemann, 17, of Advanced Christian Schools in Atascadero, California,

son of John and Paula Wiemann of Atascadero, has received a Presidential Nomination to both the United States Naval and Air Force Academies. He has received offers of appointment to both academies. While an unlimited number of nominations are available in this category, only 100 appointments can be offered each year. John has accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.