

Lincoln, NE – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry has selected 12 students from eastern Nebraska to receive nominations to America's top military academies.

"A military academy appointment is a tremendous honor and a great responsibility," Fortenberry said. "Nominees must demonstrate capacity for leadership, personal integrity, and rigorous scholarship. I am pleased to nominate several young Nebraskans who meet these qualifications."

Following are the 2011 nominees:

**Blake Bequette of Nebraska City Lourdes Central Catholic High School.** Blake is the son of Bryan and Kelly Bequette and has been nominated to the United States Military Academy.

**Patric Carstens of Lincoln Southwest High School.** Patric is the son of Greg and Juanita Carstens and has been nominated to the United States Military Academy.

**Gabriel Collins of Nebraska City High School.** Gabriel is the son of Shawn and Samantha Collins and has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

**Asher Cutler of Plattsmouth Capstone Christian Homeschool.** Asher is the son of Timothy and Mary Cutler and has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

**David Didier of Lincoln East High School.** David is the son of Rod and Holly Didier and has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

**Drew Fairchild of Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer High School.** Drew is the son of Sara Fairchild-Flynn and Mitchell Flynn and has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

**Jesse Mills of Lincoln Christian High School.** Jesse is the son of Steve and Danelle Mills and has been nominated to the United States Military Academy.

**Elise Rempel of Milford Senior High School.** Elise is the daughter of Robb and Kimberly Rempel and has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

**Kirk Stiers of Lincoln Southwest High School.** Kirk is the son of Kirk and Elisa Stiers and has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

**DeWayne Taylor of Lincoln Southwest High School.** DeWayne is the son of Renise Taylor and has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

**Luke Trenhaile of Wayne High School.** Luke is the son of Jason and Phylis Trenhaile and has been nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

**Dylan Woldt of Lincoln East High School.** Dylan is the son of Wayne and Holly Woldt and has been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

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