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Adams Honors Service Academy Nominees

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Adams Meets with Service Academy Nominees

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Charlotte – Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)

met with her nominees to the United States Military Service Academies at a virtual reception today at 3:00 PM. The reception honored the six 12th District students who recently received appointment offers to attend one of the Service Academies.

[A photo from the reception is available here.](#)

"I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to personally meet with you and congratulate you for earning appointment offers from some of our nation's most prestigious institutions," **said Congresswoman Adams** at the reception. "Despite the current reality that we face, this should be an exciting time for you and your families, as you begin to explore all the possible paths of service that lie ahead. Going to a military academy takes a great deal of dedication, perseverance, and grit. Your presence here alone is a window into your dedication, discipline and patriotism."

The students who received appointments to the Class of 2024 include:

- **Chris Torres** of *Huntersville: Military Academy at West Point* (Lake Norman Charter High School)
- **Ayush Padhi** of *Charlotte: Naval Academy* (Ardrey Kell High School)
- **Ethan Schneider** of *Cornelius: Naval Academy* (William Amos Hough High School)
- **Tanner Gresham** of *Huntersville: Military Academy at West Point* (Hopewell High School)
- **Olivia Hommes** of *Charlotte: Air Force Academy* (South Mecklenburg High School)
- **Cameron Helmendach** of *Charlotte: Merchant Marine Academy* (Hickory Grove Christian School)

[Headshots are available here.](#)

Each year Congresswoman Alma Adams nominates High School Seniors from the district for appointment to the U.S. Military (USMA),

Naval (USNA), Air Force (USAFA) and Merchant Marine Academies (USMA). The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. Students seeking a nomination can apply through their U.S. House Representative, U.S. Senators and the Vice President of the United States.

Since being elected to Congress, Congresswoman Adams has nominated a total of 68 students from the 12th Congressional District. For more information about this year's nomination process please visit <http://adams.house.gov> or contact Kay Tembo at 704-344-9950 or Kay.Tembo@mail.house.gov.

Congresswoman Alma Adams has represented North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) since 2014 and has served on the House Committee on Agriculture since 2015, where she serves as Vice Chair of the committee. Additionally, she has served on the Education & Labor Committee since 2015 and as Chair of the Workplace Protections Subcommittee since 2019. She has served on the Financial Services Committee since 2019.

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