

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that he has nominated 13 high school students from the 1st Congressional District of Massachusetts to U.S. Military Academies. These include West Point Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy and the Coast Guard Academy. Each candidate must receive a nomination from a federal official in order to be considered by the academy's admissions office.

"I was very impressed with the individuals I nominated and I am pleased to announce their names," Olver said. "I applaud their commitment to their country and to continuing their education."

In order to be considered, candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 23, single with no legal dependents, and must have a strong academic record. The various academies have differing additional requirements. Generally, beyond submitting a written application, nominees must also pass a rigorous physical aptitude test in order to be considered. "Although this nomination does not necessarily mean admission, these students should be very proud of their accomplishments. I am pleased that the 1

st Congressional District has produced such a promising crop of young people," Olver added.

Nominees will learn if they have been admitted this spring. The nominees are listed below, followed by their hometown, and the academy to which they were nominated: □ **Michael Amato** **Belchertown**

**US Naval Academy**

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**Michael Bernier**

**Sterling**

**US Naval Academy & West Point**

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**John Cronin**

**Lunenburg**

**US Naval Academy & West Point**

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**Christopher Desilets**

**Gill**

**Air Force Academy, US Naval Academy & West Point**

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**Kyla Dickson**

**Barre**

**West Point**

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**Matthew Dion**

**Pepperell**

**US Naval Academy**

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**Timothy Hendrickson**

**Sterling**

**Air Force Academy**

□

**Christopher Hudachek**

**Orange**

**US Naval Academy & West Point**

□

**William Larkin**

**Pittsfield**

**US Naval Academy**

□

**Carl Rossi**

**Sterling**

**Air Force Academy & US Naval Academy**

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**Jennifer Skawski**

**Winchendon**

**West Point**

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**Adam Wolfe**

**Southwick**

**West Point**

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**Sean Zoufaly**

**Belchertown**

**Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy & US Naval Academy**

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