

(West Windsor, NJ) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced the names of the students from the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New Jersey who will attend the United States Military Service Academies beginning this fall.

“These students have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, intelligence, commitment to public service, and strength of character,” Holt said. “It is an honor to recognize these accomplished young New Jerseyans, and I know they will serve America with distinction as academy students and military officers.”

As a member of Congress, Holt may nominate highly qualified New Jersey students to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Naval Academy. The selection process is extremely competitive and considers each candidate’s academic accomplishments, physical training, leadership potential, extracurricular activities, and other proven abilities. Graduates of the military academies are commissioned as officers in the U.S. military.

### **U.S. Air Force Academy, Class of 2015**

Alisha R. Maskarenas, graduate of South Brunswick High School

Daughter of Charmaine Maskarenas and Jaysin Maskarenas

Derrick Pee, graduate of South Brunswick High School

Son of Angela Pee and Gary Pee

Michael B. Spiotta, graduate of East Brunswick High school

Son of Lorraine Spiotta and Thomas E. Spiotta, Jr.

Thomas E. Spiotta III, graduate of East Brunswick High School and the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School

Son of Lorraine Spiotta and Thomas E. Spiotta, Jr.

**U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2015**

Brian Hapeman of Fair Haven, graduate of Rumson-Fair Haven High School

Son of Lisa Hapeman and Chris Hapeman

Alexander G. Rivera, graduate of South Brunswick High School

Son of Rene Rivera and Jean Rivera

**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Class of 2015**

Theodore C. Snieckus of Plainsboro, graduate of home schooling

Son of Alison Snieckus and Michael Snieckus

**U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 2015**

Kevin Alter of Rumson, graduate Rumson-Fair Haven High School

Son of Janet Alter and John Alter

David E. Calves, of West Windsor Township, graduate of West-Windsor Plainsboro High School South and the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School

Son of Migdalia Rivera and Guillermo Calves

Phillip Ellsworth of Middletown, graduate of High Technology High School, Lincroft, NJ

Son of Jan and Ken Ellsworth

Timothy J. Howarth II of Plainsboro, graduate of West-Windsor Plainsboro High School North and the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School

Son of Leyla Y. Howarth and Timothy J. Howarth

Brandon Karpf of Princeton, graduate of the Lawrenceville School

Son of Dr. Robin R. Karpf and Dr. Gary A. Karpf

**U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School, Class of 2012**

Kyle Toto of Freehold, graduate of Freehold High School

Son of Maryrose Toto and Leonard Toto

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