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[Note to Editors: Group photo of Senator Cardin with the appointees is attached. 1st Row (L to R): Senator Ben Cardin, Grant Demaree, Wesley Sadler, Stephen Peck, and Andre Golson. 2nd Row (L to R): Jacob Spiering, Neil Corran, John Gaffigan, Phillip Weigand, and Henry Binzer. Not Pictured: Garrett Byron, Ryan Wheeler, Kelcie Davis, William Bachman, Daniel Schonfeld, Dake Williams, and Thomas Popp. Individual photos of Senator Cardin with appointees in group photo available upon request.]

CARDIN ANNOUNCES SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

16 Marylanders Accept Nominations

WASHINGTON – **U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD), today announced that 16 Marylanders have accepted appointments to the U.S. Service Academies for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The five U.S. service academies -- the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy – recruit top-notch young American men and women who will appreciate an excellent education and a chance to serve their country.

“Every year, it is my privilege to nominate some of the brightest, most dedicated students in Maryland to the U.S. Service Academies,” said **Senator Cardin**. “A service academy education is an honor that is afforded the best and brightest of our nation. Important obligations go with that appointment, obligations that are essential to keeping our nation strong.”

Below are the names of Senator Cardin’s nominees for this year:

BALTIMORE COUNTY

- Garrett Byron, 18, Owings Mills, St. Paul’s School for Boys
U.S. Air Force Academy
- Wesley Sadler, 18, Reisterstown, Calvert Hall High School
U.S. Naval Academy

- Ryan Whaeeler, 18, Rosedale, Eastern Technical High School
U.S. Air Force Academy

CALVERT COUNTY

- Kelcie Davis, 18, Huntingtown, The Calverton School
U.S. Naval Academy

CAROLINE COUNTY

- Jacob Spiering, 18, Goldsboro, North Caroline High School
U.S. Air Force Academy

FREDERICK COUNTY

- Henry Binzer, 18, Myersville, Middletown High School
U.S. Air Force Academy
- John Gaffigan, 17, Woodsboro, Walkersville High School
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

HARFORD COUNTY

- William Bachman, 17, Fallston, Aberdeen High School
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- Stephen Peck, 18, Bel Air High School
U.S. Military Academy

HOWARD COUNTY

- Grant Demaree, 17, Marriottsville, River Hill High School
U.S. Military Academy
- Daniel Schonfeld, 18, Ellicott City, Marriotts Ridge High School
U.S. Air Force Academy

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- Neil Corran, 18, Silver Spring, Montgomery Blair High School
U.S. Air Force Academy
- Phillip Weigand, 18, Barnesville, St. John's College High School
U.S. Military Academy
- Dake Williams, 18, North Potomac, Quince Orchard High School
U.S. Air Force Academy

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

- Andre Golson, 17, Bowie, Eleanor Roosevelt High School
U.S. Air Force Academy
- Thomas Popp, 17, Bowie, DeMatha Catholic High School

U.S. Air Force Academy

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