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FOUR LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE APPOINTMENTS TO WEST POINT

CHARLOTTE – Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09) is honored to announce that four additional students have received appointments to the United States Military Academy at West Point. A total of twelve students from the 9th District have received appointments to United States service academies this year.

- **Ms. Alexandra Vinson**, a senior at Charlotte Catholic High School, will follow in her father's footsteps as a West Point cadet. Ms. Vinson is the daughter of Doug and Christina Vinson and lives in the Ballantyne area. She states that *"as a way of giving back to my country, I want to fight to preserve those liberties that we have found so precious."*
- **Mr. Patrick Cowley**, a senior at Hough High School, is an Army brat whose parents both graduated from West Point. Mr. Cowley is interested in studying mechanical engineering and serving as an Army engineer. He is the son of Shawn and Jennifer Cowley and lives in Huntersville.
- **Mr. Andrew Page**, a senior at Marvin Ridge High School, wrote that *"in today's society, there is a predominant trend for young men and women to elude service to the nation. However, I feel compelled to serve this great nation as a member of the Armed Forces."* Mr. Page is the son of Michael and Virginia Page and lives in Waxhaw.
- **Mr. Vincent Vu**, a senior at Charlotte Catholic High School, listens to the BBC as he falls asleep at night and is fascinated by how U.S. military intervention often helps people in ways that peaceful means fail to accomplish, citing postwar improvements in Europe, Korea, and Bosnia. Mr. Vu is the son of Tien Dung and Anh Kim Tran Vu and lives in north Charlotte.

"Each of these young people has an impressive track record and could easily find success in a high-paying corporate role," commented Congressman Pittenger. *"By dedicating themselves to the service of our Nation, they are also demonstrating tremendous character, courage, and honor."*

Congressman Pittenger has invited all 12 appointees to join him for lunch and an official visit in Washington, D.C.

So far this year, 4 students from the 9th District have received appointments to the Naval Academy, 3 to the Air Force Academy, and 5 to West Point.

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