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Rep. Hinchey nominates 4 Broome and Tioga students to service academies

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Four students from Broome and Tioga counties are among 20 nominees to United States service academies announced by Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey, D-Hurley.

Three have been nominated for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and one has been nominated for the Naval Academy.

The students "have all showcased an incredible work ethic and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community and country," Hinchey said, in a release from his office.

The nominees are:

* Joseph Kulp III, 18, from Vestal High School, to the U.S. Military Academy. Kulp graduated from Vestal in June and is spending the school year at Valley Forge Military Academy, a preparatory school for West Point. At Vestal, he was a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the football and lacrosse teams.

* William Stephens, 17, of Endicott, a student at Ross Corners Christian Academy, to the U.S. Military Academy. Stephens plays soccer and basketball, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

* Matthew Webster, 18, of Apalachin, a student at Owego Free Academy, to the U.S. Military Academy. He is co-captain of the varsity swimming team and a member of the National Honor Society.

* Jeffrey Quinn, 17, a student at Binghamton High School, to the U.S. Naval Academy. Quinn is a pitcher on the varsity baseball team and a member of the National Honor Society.

Nomination, while a necessary part of the process, does not guarantee admission to a service academy, said Debra Dalton, from the public affairs office at West Point. A candidate must still meet physical and academic criteria and compete with other nominees for admission, she said.



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