

Five Weld students tapped by Musgrave for military academies

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Five Weld County students were nominated by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., for acceptance into the country's military academies.

Of the 29 students nominated, the five from Weld are: Moriah-Lynn McConnell of Ault, who was named to the West Point Academy; SaDune Quarles of Evans to the Air Force Academy; Michael Godson of Greeley to Annapolis; Graydon Sponaugle of Greeley to the Air Force Academy; and J.D. Oredson of Johnstown to the Annapolis.

"During this period of military action in the Middle East,

high school students are becoming increasingly aware of the vital importance our nation's military serves," Musgrave said in a press release.

In addition to the application and the subsequent interview, each student also submitted standardized test scores, high-school transcripts, an essay and three letters of recommendation.

The applicants await final acceptance from the individual academies.

"Receiving a nomination to attend any one of the academies is a top honor," Musgrave said. "I wish these exceptional students luck in getting acceptance by the academies."