

Student Appreciation Reception

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Immediately following the VOICE! conference, I hosted a Student Appreciation Reception to recognize students that participated in several high school programs offered through my district office. I met with the students and their families and gave Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition to the students for academic excellence and talent. Daniel Pavlovic, from Cupertino High School, was selected to be our District's [Congressional Page](#) this summer. He will join other students in the House Page program for the second summer session in July in Washington, D.C. Ryan Sturdivant, from Leigh High School, is the winner from our District for the annual Congressional art contest, “

[An Artistic Discovery](#)

” for his charcoal portrait titled “

[Brother](#)

”. Ryan will be traveling to Washington, D.C. with his parents, courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to attend the unveiling ceremony. His work will join winning pieces from Congressional districts around the nation in a year-long exhibition at the Capitol. I also had the privilege of nominating the following students, who were selected for their strong academic records and community activities, to the prestigious

[U.S. military academies](#)

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- Andrew D. Strawbridge from Bellarmine College Prep to the U.S. Air Force Academy
- Matthew L. Shields from Bellarmine College Prep to the U.S. Air Force Academy
- Paul H-C Lee from Lynbrook High School to the U.S. Naval Academy
- Christine L. Tyndall from Branham High School to the U.S. Naval Academy
- Nathaniel T. Brady from Lynbrook High School to the U.S. Naval Academy
- Paul Baker from Bellarmine College Prep to US Military Academy at West Point

If you would like more information about academy nominations or other student programs, please contact my office or visit the links to my website above.