

# Philippines & Asian

## REPORT

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### Congressman Bob Filner nominates Filipino students for U.S. Military Academies

Washington, DC – Congressman Bob Filner announced that he is nominating 13 Filipino high school students for a possible appointment to one of the U.S. military academies, including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"I'm proud to nominate these outstanding students for the opportunity to be chosen to enter one of our prestigious military academics!" said Congressman Filner. "Service to our country is one of the most honorable paths a student can take."

In order for students to be considered for an appointment to a service academy an applicant must be nominated by an authorized nominating source, which includes the President, Vice President, Members of Congress and the Secretary of each service.

Receiving a nomination is just the first step in the process to being chosen for an appointment to one of the service academies. Most appointees are informed of their selection in April by the service academy.

Below are the students of Filipino descent being nominated to one or more of the service academies by Congressman Bob Filner.

**Jayson Aban**

School of Creative and Performing Arts  
Nomination to U.S. Air Force Academy

**Alejandro Alarcon**

University City High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**Nicole Aguirre**

Eastlake High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy

**Jeffrey Ayers**

Chula Vista High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**Samantha Baxley**

Mater Dei Catholic High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy

**Rowena Benedictos**

Coronado High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy

**Alysa Caoile**

Eastlake High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy

**Jeff-Avery Joaquin**

San Ysidro High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**James Magno**

Eastlake High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy

**Christopher Maligsa**

University City High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy

**Jonathan Moreno**

Bonita Vista High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**Kristopher Obellos**

Olympian High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy

**Claudine Tuazon**

Lincoln High School  
Nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy