June 26, 2023

Greetings:

Each year in January, I have the honor of hosting the Military Academy Board Nomination Interviews for students who are interested in serving our great Country. If selected they will become officers in the U.S. Military. At the recommendation of the board, I nominate the students who had a successful interview and meet all the requirements for attending a U.S. Military Academy.

I invite students who are interested in attending West Point to the West Point Experience information session. The West Point Experience will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10:00am at 60 Nelson Place 14th Fl Newark, NJ 07102 (GPS purpose 50 West Market Street Newark, NJ 07102).

During the event, students will hear from West Point representatives and learn of all the benefits a West Point education provides. Please see enclosed letter for more information and students who are interested in attending can email samantha.washington@mail.house.gov and wilfred.ahoua@westpoint.edu to rsvp.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Samantha Washington in my Newark District office at (973) 645-3213. She will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress
Dear Interested Student,

On September 13th at 10:00AM, we will present a briefing on the benefits of an education from West Point that you will not receive from an Ivy League/Top Tier University.

Many of you are unfamiliar with West Point, what being in the service means, the benefits of a West Point education and being a military officer.

- A West Point education is a **FREE FOUR SCHOLARSHIP** including room and board!
- **You get paid** ($1100/month) while going to school.
- As an officer you receive equal pay and promotions.
- Your commitment is 5 years active duty and 3 years inactive reserves.
- You don’t have to be an infantry officer your opportunities include:
  - Corps of Engineers
  - Helicopter Pilot
  - Cyber
  - Signal Corp
  - Supply, Logistics and Transportation
  - Intelligence

Many are unaware that they can qualify for this opportunity.

- PSAT Score > 960 (Usually around the 50th percentile)
- ACT composite Score > 24 (with higher scores on the math portion)
- SAT Score > 1100 (with higher scores on the math portion/ 58th percentile)

The West Point experience is focused around the four pillars of CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT not available at any other College or University. Character, Academic, Physical and Military. At West Point, you will learn and incorporate the ideals of loyalty, respect, integrity, courage, and honor in your daily life. You will learn failure can make you stronger. Going outside your comfort zone helps you grow. Character is relevant. **Grit makes the difference in success in life and never, ever quit!**

**Academically**, you will hear about the many **all-expense paid internship** programs available at West Point. Would you like to spend 3 weeks working in Washington at the National Security Council? How about 3 weeks in England studying Shakespeare? Maybe 3 weeks at Oxford University? Learn about the **$27 million allocated for cadet research** supported by the 26 research centers located at West Point.

Participation in one of the **130 Cadet Clubs** including Academic, Sports, Hobby, Military, Religious and SupportClubs?

Did you know that many graduates receive **all-expense paid graduate school right after graduation**?

Also find about your career opportunities in 10-15 years after graduation and the benefits not found in civilian life.

We look forward to meeting you! **This decision can change your life and maybe the world!**