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Cantor Congratulates 2010 Congressional Award Medalists



Pictured: Rep. Eric Cantor, Gates Bierhuizen (Silver Medalist), Amanda Jenkins (Gold Medalist), Bailey Bierhuizen (Gold Medalist), Ambassador Roger F. Noriega, Vice Chairman of the Congressional Award.

WASHINGTON D.C. – This week Congressman Eric Cantor (VA-07) presented awards at a ceremony held on July 28, 2010 at the Capitol Hill Club to students from the 7th District for earning Congress’ highest award for youth, the Congressional Award.

“I am honored to congratulate the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of the next generation of American leaders,” Cantor said. “The medal recipients set for themselves challenging goals and worked very hard to meet them. Their work exemplifies a commitment to public service, initiative, and achievement. By pushing themselves and

strengthening their communities, they are an inspiration to their peers.”

Virginia’s 7th District 2010 Congressional Award Medalists:

Bailey Bierhuizen, Gold Medalist

Attends: Virginia Commonwealth University
Hometown: Culpeper, VA

Amanda Jenkins, Gold Medalist

Graduated: Eastern View High School, 2010
Hometown: Culpeper, VA

Eric “Gates” Bierhuizen, Silver Medalist

Attends: Eastern View High School
Hometown: Culpeper, VA

Matthew Daugherty, Silver Medalist

Attends: J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Graduated: Westminster Academy, 2005
Hometown: Richmond, VA

Carlyle Dodson, Silver Medalist

Graduated: Eastern View High School, 2009
Hometown: Culpeper, VA

Jake Maloy, Silver Medalist

Graduated: Culpeper County High School, 2008
Hometown: Culpeper, VA

Michael Ly, Bronze Medalist

Graduated: Culpeper County High School, 2009

Hometown: Jeffersonton, VA

The Congressional Award was established in 1979 by The Congressional Award Act. More than 6,500 Congressional Awards have been earned, representing well over 3 million volunteer hours performed in community service across America.

The Congressional Award is open to all young people ages 14-23 in America. To earn the Award, young people must set and achieve goals in the four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration. The only other medal awarded by the United States Congress is the Medal of Honor.

The Congressional Award program is a nonpartisan partnership between Congress and the private sector. Appointed by the Joint Leadership of Congress, a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of private sector individuals and members of Congress implements the program on the national level.

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