HONORING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Awards recognize four avenues of individual growth—community service, physical fitness, exploration, and personal development—and how the fulfillment of these goals forms balanced and promising young citizens.

In their pursuit of these goals, recipients of the Congressional Awards have gained new skills and greater confidence. For many, these projects will be the cornerstone for future endeavors, further enriching their lives and encouraging others to follow their lead.

The recipients of the 2013 Congressional Awards set the finest example and demonstrate dedication to improving their communities and the Nation as a whole.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is my privilege to recognize the honored recipients of the 2013 Congressional Gold Medal Award—the highest achievement for America’s youth:

Garett Evans, Martha Costello, Max Benning, Emily Burns, Aimee Miller, Courtney Hayes, Brooks Vittumberg, Matthew Kamara, Katherine Liu, Alexander Schnoor, Harry Chung, Woody Chung, Austin Devine, Jason Fiahie, Diana Kwok, Katarina Mayers, Kyle Kearney, Brandon Hsu, Jackee Lee, Lauren Cochrane, Max Kaplan, Tsuyhun “Kevin” Kim, Han John Tse, Quinn Hatoff, Anna Najor, Katherine Najor, Samantha Stafford, Austin Threadgill, Nicholas Coughlin, Alocust Greenidge, full time Daniel Greenidge, James Bilko, Brittney Calloway, Brianna Goley, Hannah Foster, Milan Patel, Alexander Smith, Ryan Sutherland, Jake Balkedahl, Mikaela Balzer, Ilana Berghash, Christine Brookshire, Kathryn Dowling, Christine Kamara, Katherine Lussier, Zachary Certner, Robert Harvey, Catherine Wong, Eva Boal, Reema Chopra, Kunal Patade, Lindsay Ramalsad, Divya Ramakrishnan, Taylor Miller, Michael Pinter, Courtney Stiles, Christopher Kunkel, Samuel Lam, Sachit Singal, Dan Wang, Jonathan Gildey, Tushar Goswami, Katherine Ervin, Alexandra Gritta, Stephen Chäfer, Karinka Glyn, Irene Pito, Albertus Nugroho, Elyse McMahon, Geoffrey Pyke, Nayeli Avalos, Evangelene Cai, Daniel Castellanos-Mendez, Thalitha Medina, Chris Thomke, Michelle L., Jonathan Rosemberg, J. Cameron Barge, Natalie Domeisen, Seung Jin Bae, Won Chang, Ana Cvetkovic, David Ha, Chae-Eon Jang, Samuel Joo, Grace Kim, Julianne Morgan, Channonn Morn, Christine Palazzolo, Kara Schooch, Zachary Schwarz, Abbie Starke, Michael Tershakovce, Andrew Van Buren.


FIVE STUDENTS HONORED WITH CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD IN FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG
OF FLORIDA

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend four students who are being honored today with the Congressional Award Gold Medal for individual achievement in volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. For the benefit of my colleagues, I'd like to outline some of their accomplishments.

Amika Fredriksen, Brett Hodges, Theresa Joubour, Natalie O'Loughlin, Griffin Reed, Glenn Lane, Canary Brooks, Paulina Hinton, Bridget Bergin, Fann Schwansbach, Caroline Fay, Elizabeth Van Eerden, Michael Brienza, Terrell Chestnut, Randall Schroeder, Wilmot Kerns III, Lukas Stewart, Jacob Grabowski, Rebecca Ses, Mathew O'Dell, Aarond Beautiful, Chad Kahn, Sean Platt, Ern Price, Francis Uozolina, Niral Desai, Nora Laberee, Rishi Sharma, David Wu, Christina Coleburn, Shivangi Goyal, Sara, Eric O’Hare, Spencer Holmsborg, Melisa Maguire, Kathleen O’Donnell-Pickert, Smitha Pallaki, Neeraj Shekhar, Aparna Sundaram.

Olivia Lascari, Zachary Certner, Robert Harvey, Catherine Wong, Eva Boal, Reema Chopra, Kunal Patade, Lindsay Ramalsad, Divya Ramakrishnan, Taylor Miller, Michael Pinter, Courtney Stiles, Christopher Kunkel, Samuel Lam, Sachit Singal, Dan Wang, Jon- than Gildey, Tushar Goswami, Katherine Ervin, Alexandra Gritta, Stephen Chäfer, Karinka Glyn, Irene Pito, Albertus Nugroho, Elyse McMahon, Geoffrey Pyke, Nayeli Avalos, Evangelene Cai, Daniel Castellanos-Mendez, Thalitha Medina, Chris Thomke, Michelle L., Jonathan Rosemberg, J. Cameron Barge, Natalie Domeisen, Seung Jin Bae, Won Chang, Ana Cvetkovic, David Ha, Chae-Eon Jang, Samuel Joo, Grace Kim, Julianne Morgan, Channonn Morn, Christine Palazzolo, Kara Schooch, Zachary Schwarz, Abbie Starke, Michael Tershakovce, Andrew Van Buren.

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Four students honored with Congressional Gold Medal Award in Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, these four young people serve as models of patriotism and principle for the rest of our nation’s youth. Their goals of self-motivation will continue to guide them throughout their lives, and I have no doubt they will make great contributions to our country in the future. The Congressional Award program is essential to our nation, and I commend these students for attaining this high level of community service and personal responsibility for which it stands.
Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a World War II Veteran and tremendous leader in rural healthcare, the late Dr. John M. Smith.

Dr. Smith was quite a pioneer in his time. He was one of the first graduates from Caney Creek College, now known as Alice Lloyd College, in Pippa Passes, Kentucky. After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1942, he enlisted in the United States Navy and valiantly served as a first lieutenant aboard the U.S.S. Weeden, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns. Smith was later selected as one of the first recipients of the Rural Kentucky Medical Scholarship Fund and graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1949. After completing medical school, Dr. Smith decided to extend his service to our country by volunteering as a medical officer for the Korean War at the Louisville, Kentucky recruitment station.

In 1951, Dr. Smith began his mission to provide healthcare to the people of southeastern Kentucky, in a rural region plagued by high rates of health disparities and limited access to healthcare. He opened his first medical practice in Beattyville, Kentucky where he faithfully treated patients for eleven years. However, his passion for additional education in the medical field also led him to practice radiology at Morehead Hospital, Woodford County Hospital, and the Lexington Clinic for a little more than a decade. In 1974, he returned to Beattyville as a general practitioner where he dedicated nearly 40 years of quality healthcare for the people of Lee and surrounding counties until the age of 90.

He was involved in numerous civic activities, serving as a member of the Masonic Proctor Lodge 213, the Lee County Shrine Club, VFW Post 11296, and the Kentucky Medical Association. He served as the Medical Director of the Lee County Constant Care and Giri Young House, and a member of the Lee County Board of Health.

Dr. Smith leaves behind a devoted family: his loving wife, Patty of 54 years; seven children, 17 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. His son, William, has been one of my most trusted advisers, working on my team since 1995, and now serving as my Chief Clerk of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee. Will’s extensive policy knowledge and legislative wisdom has been vital for our nation’s economy and for projects supporting the good people of southern and eastern Kentucky. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the entire Smith family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a tireless leader in rural healthcare and a true patriot, the late Dr. John M. Smith.