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The Northshore School District is pleased to share that four Northshore graduates will pursue military academy training.

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Four Northshore School District Graduates Enter Military Academies

Bothell, Wash. – While most members of the Class of 2019 from the Northshore School District are entering college, career or gap years, a few graduates from Bothell, Inglemoor and Woodinville high schools have begun military academies. With this training, when students graduate from the academies they will be officers in their respective military branches.

Bothell High School's Patrick Connor will attend the Coast Guard Academy, while Faith Brooks is bound for the U.S. Naval Academy. Inglemoor High School's Anisha Chowdhry will attend a one-year Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS), the U.S. Navy's fourth oldest school. Joseph Mucklestone from Woodinville High School will attend the Air Force Academy.

Connor says there were many reasons he chose to attend the Coast Guard Academy including family members who attended, his love for water and the challenges that come with working on and around water. He says he also sees many opportunities to grow and succeed in the Coast Guard.

"Around 2,300 people applied and only 300 were given appointments, so I'm very grateful for this opportunity," said Connor. "Attending one of the academies has been my dream for along time and I'm finally able to realize it."

Brooks served in a number of leadership roles during her high school career including captain on her club volleyball teams as well as varsity captain of Bothell's volleyball team, vice president of the National Honor Society, sports editor for the school newspaper and many more leadership roles. She is driven and lives by the mantra "they said she couldn't so she did."

Brooks wants to be a navy pilot so the U.S. Naval Academy was a natural choice. With 16,000 applications this year, Brooks was one of 1,200 students accepted. "I am honored to become a part of such an exceptional group of individuals," said Brooks.

Chowdhry was Inglemoor's ASB president. As a highly motivated and involved advocate and leader, she also represented the Inglemoor High School student body for the past two years as a member of the District's Student Board, working directly with the superintendent Michelle Reid, Ed.D. Chowdhry says she chose the Naval Academy because she was looking for a challenging program and an area where she could make a difference. After a successful year in NAPS, she will apply to the Academy.

While in high school, Mucklestone joined the Civil Air Patrol, part of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary that teaches students ages 12-18 about the Air Force and exposes them to education in aerospace and training in emergency services.

"Civil Air Patrol gave me critical military exposure and an insight into possible careers in the U.S. Air Force," said Mucklestone. "Most importantly, my passion for service continued to grow as I learned more about the Air Force and what it means to serve. The first hand experience is why I chose the Air Force over the other military branches."

The Northshore School District wishes these students well and thanks them for their future service.

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