United States Naval Academy

Annapolis, Maryland

U.S. Naval Academy Overview

1. It is one of five service academies in the U.S. along with:
   - U.S. Military Academy (Army), West Point, NY
   - U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
   - U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT
   - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY
2. Its mission is to develop leaders (officers) for the Navy and Marine Corps
3. All students receive a full 4-year scholarship and a college degree at graduation
   - Valued at over $225,000

THE BRIGADE OF MIDSHIPMEN

- All 50 states, territories, and foreign countries
- Diverse, cultural heritages
- Sailors and Marines
- Leaders, academic scholars, varsity athletes

Brigade

Total
4560

MAJORS – 26 AVAILABLE MAJORS

School of Engineering & Weapons

- Aerospace Engineering
  - Aeronautical Engineering
  - Astronautical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- General Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering*
- Ocean Engineering*
- Robotics and Control Engineering *

School of Mathematics & Science

- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Cyber Operations
- Data Science
- General Science
- Mathematics*
  - Applied Mathematics
- Operations Research
- Oceanography*
- Physics
  - Applied Physics
  - Astrophysics
- Mathematics w/Economics
- Quantitative Economics

School of Humanities & Social Sciences

- English*
- History*
- Political Science*
  - American Politics & Law
  - Comparative Politics
  - International Relations
- Chinese
- Arabic
- Foreign Area Studies

Available Minors

- Spanish
- Russian
- Japanese
- German
- French
- Chinese
- Arabic

* = honors program available

GRADUATION AND SERVICE

- Graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree
- Commissioned as an Officer in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps
- Minimum 5-year service commitment

2022 SERVICE ASSIGNMENT – 1,108 Officers

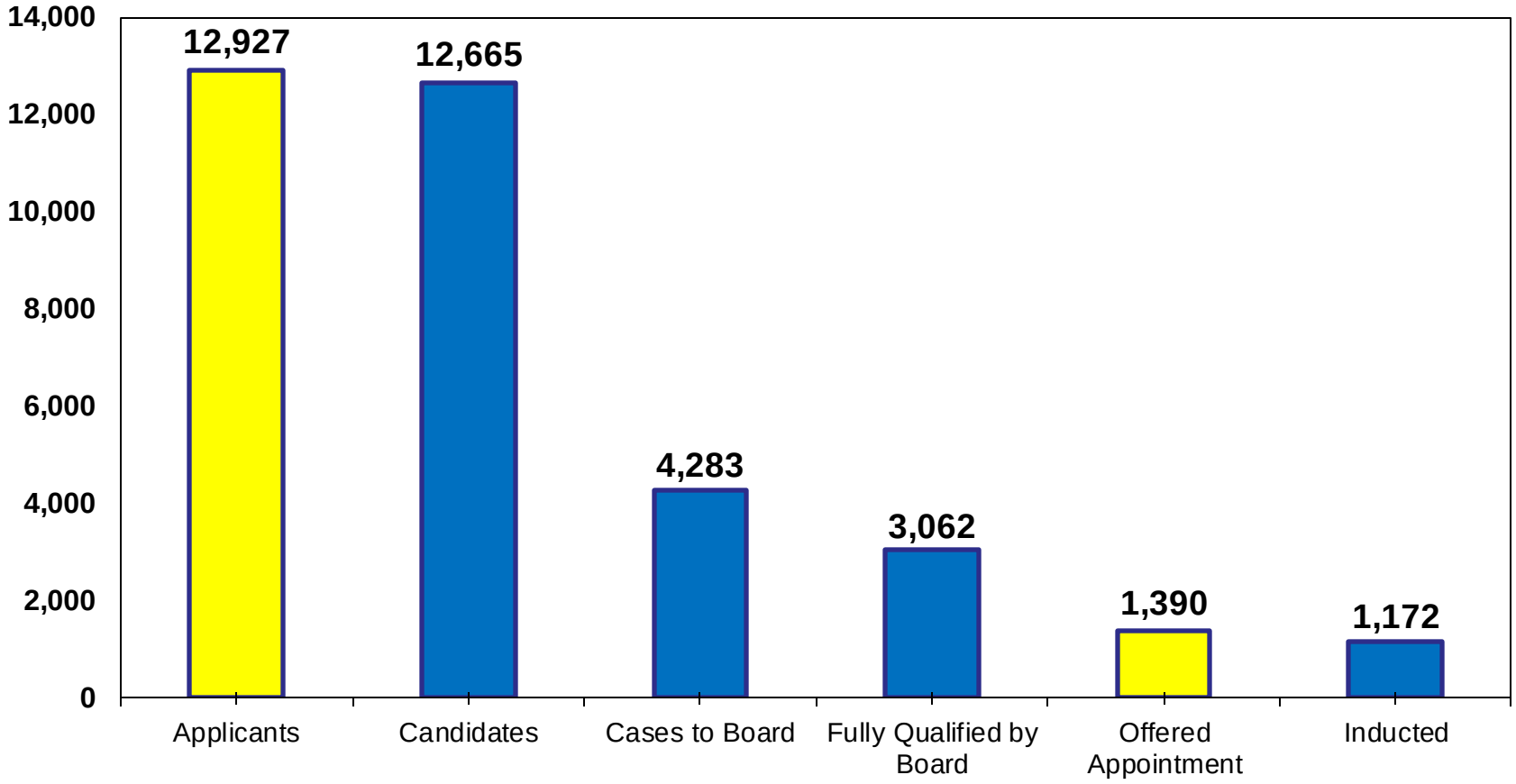
UNRESTRICTED LINE		
Assignment	**Male**	**Female**
SWO (Conventional)	131	80
SWO (Nuclear)	26	16
Submarines	104	37
SEALS	35	0
Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)	14	2
Naval Pilot	194	56
Naval Flight Officer (NFO)	33	27
Marine Corps Pilot	55	20
Marine Corps Ground Officer	145	52

RESTRICTED LINE/STAFF CORPS		
Assignment	**Male**	**Female**
Cryptologic Warfare	12	4
USMC Cyber	4	3
Intelligence	6	2
Oceanography	2	0
Medical Corps	3	5
Civil Engineering	2	0
Information Professional	5	2
Supply Officer	2	1

Admissions Highlights

Class of 2026 Admissions Stats

USNA had an 10.7% Acceptance Rate



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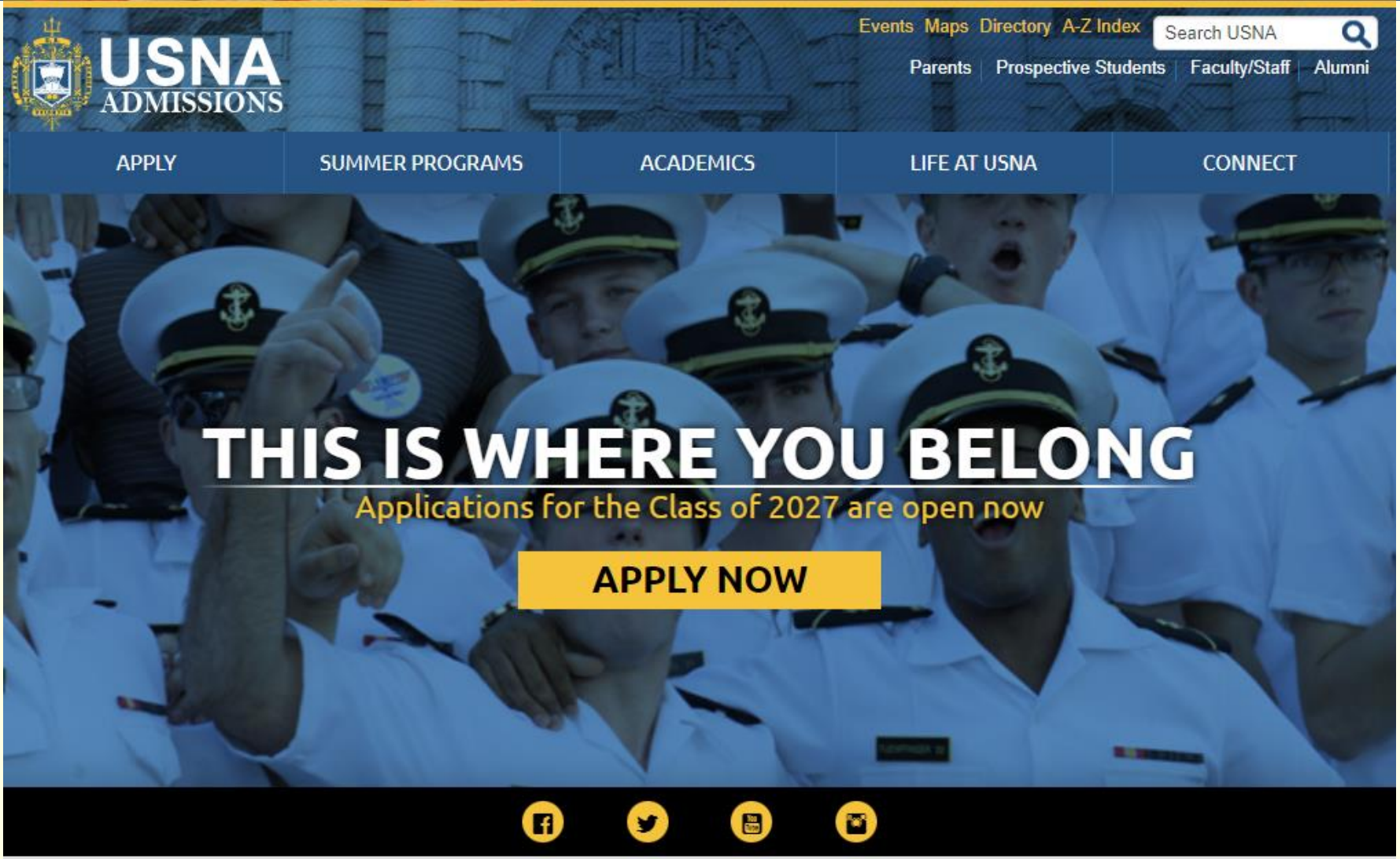

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STEPS FOR ADMISSION

You can begin the application process as early as your Junior year in high school and we encourage the earlier the better! These steps will provide all the information you need to know about our application requirements and our admissions process.

1. Confirm Eligibility
2. Preliminary Application
3. Apply for Nomination
4. College Entrance Exams
5. Transcript
6. Medical Examination
7. Candidate Fitness Assessment
8. Interview
9. Admission Selection Process & Deadlines

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for the United States Naval Academy if you meet the following criteria:

- A United States Citizen by 1 July of the year of entry
- At least 17 years of age and must not have passed 23rd birthday on 1 July of the year of entry
- Unmarried
- Not pregnant and no dependents
- Have a valid Social Security Number (If you do not have a Social Security number you can apply for a card here https://www.ssa.gov)

If you are in high school but are not old enough to apply, you can register with USNA to receive information about our Summer Programs.

Application Components

1. High School Transcript
2. Personal Statement
3. Official SAT / ACT scores (SAT: 5809, ACT: 1742)
4. English Teacher Recommendation
5. Math Teacher Recommendation
6. CFA Fitness Test
7. Extracurricular Activities Confirmation
8. Academic Information Confirmation
9. BGO Interview
10. Medical Exam (occurs once the previous activities are completed)
11. Nomination

Congressional Nomination Sources

1. Each Senator and Congressman has five (5) vacancies at USNA and may nominate up to ten (10) individuals per open vacancy

2. Maryland Congressional Representatives
   - US Senate:
     - **Chris Van Hollen (late September application deadline)**
     - **Ben Cardin (early November)**

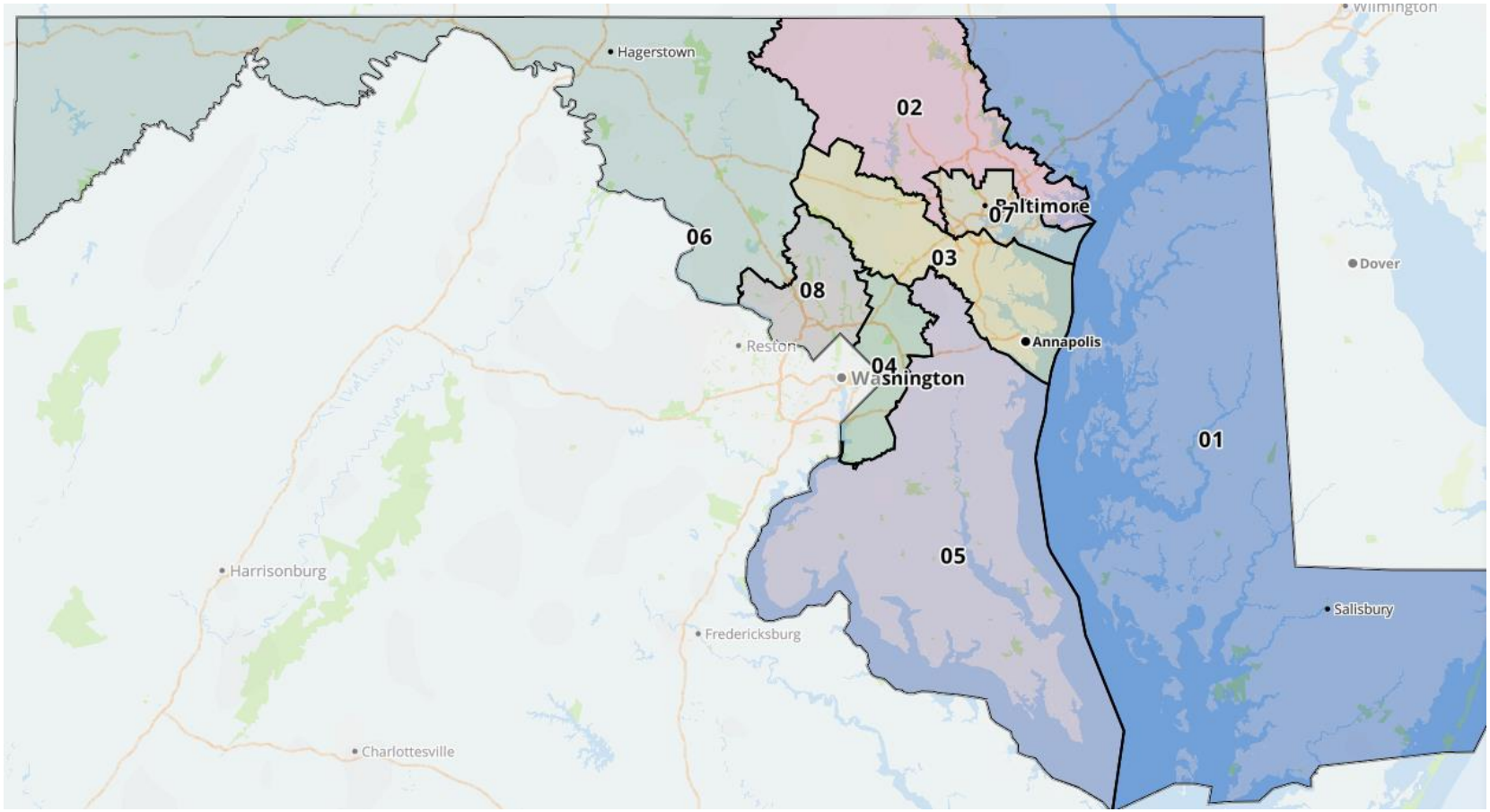
   - US Congress:

- District 1: Andy Harris
- District 2: Dutch Ruppersberger
- **District 3: John Sarbanes (mid October)**
- District 4: Glenn Ivey
- District 5: Steny Hoyer
- District 6: David Trone
- District 7: Kweisi Mfume
- District 8: Jamie Raskin

3. Each senator and congressman has their own application.
   - Available on their individual web sites under constituent services and service academy nominations

Nomination application deadlines occur early in the fall of senior year followed up by an in-person interview in late November and early December.

Maryland New Congressional Districts for 2023



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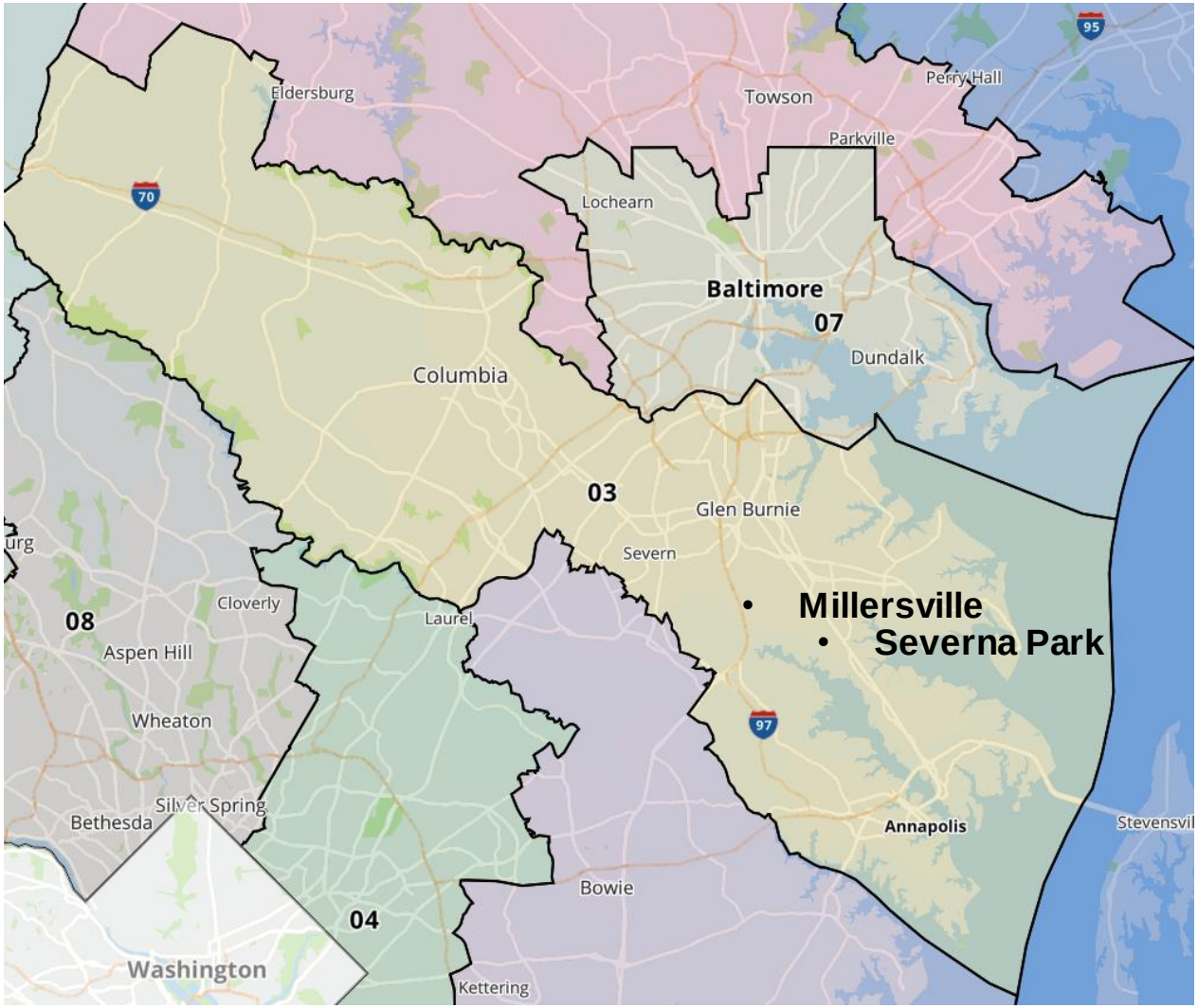
Maryland Congressional District 3



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Other Nomination Sources

1. **Presidential Nomination**
   - On active duty, or retired from active duty with pay
   - On reserve duty with at least eight years service (2,880 points), or be eligible or drawing retired pay
2. **Vice Presidential Nomination**
   - Dean decides who receives these nominations
   - **17 students from Area 128 have received VP nominations over the last ten years**
   - Typically go to students with LOAs who were unable to earn a nomination from another source
   - Make sure your students apply!
3. **NROTC/NJROTC Nominations**
   - NROTC CO can nominate 3 candidates per year
   - MCJROTC/NJROTC instructor can nominate 3 candidates per year
   - Designated Honor NJROTC schools can nominate 3 additional candidates per year
   - Designated Army/Air Force Honor JROTC schools can nominate 3 candidates per year
4. **Secretary of the Navy Nomination**
   - Typically used for Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) students
5. **Other Service Oriented Nominations**
   - Children of 100% disabled veterans
   - Children of veterans killed in action/died of wounds
   - Children of Medal of Honor recipients, POWs or MIA

Admissions Highlights

32% of the Class of 2026 did not come directly from high school

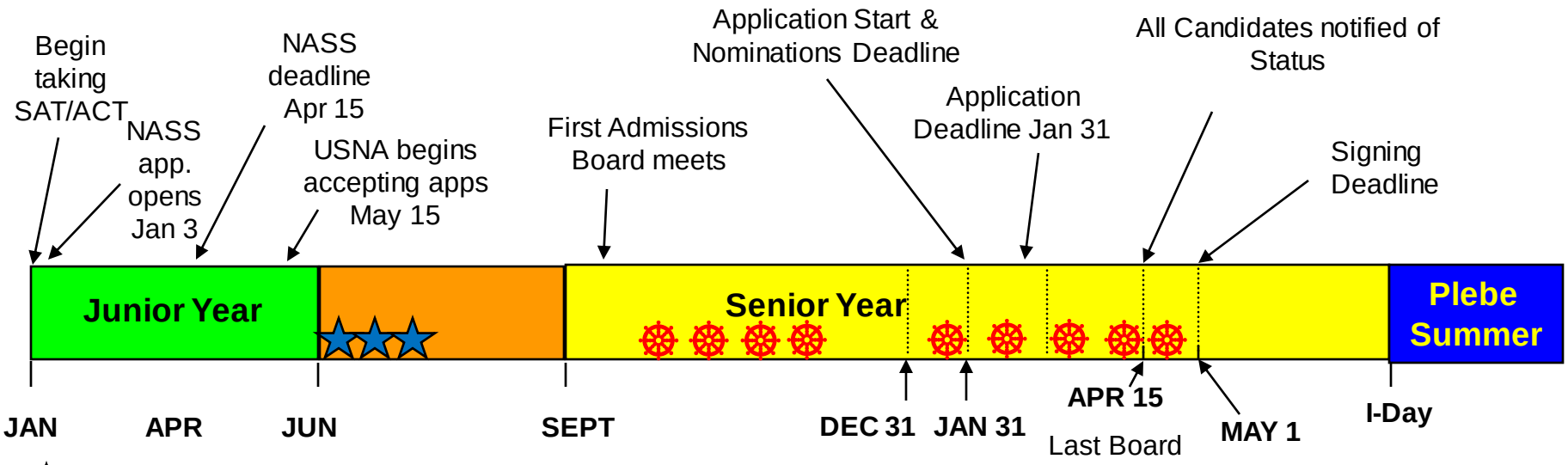
383 out of 1,183 inductees

came from a post-high school program

- Naval Academy Prep School – **210**
- Foundation Prep & Civilian Prep Schools – **43**
- Previous College – **130** (at least one semester)
- Total Prior Enlisted – **77** (Fleet & NAPS)
  - USN – 63
  - USMC – 13
  - Army – 1

Review of Admissions Process

The Candidate Cycle for 2023-24



Summer Seminar Sessions (2023)

1: June 3-8
2: June 10-15
3: June 18-23

Can apply online between 1/3/23 – 4/15/22

- Approximately 2,550 selectees
- About 125 from Maryland

Candidate Visit Weekends (2023-24)

- Four in the Fall '23
- Four in the Spring '24
- By invite only

Summer Programs

WISH YOU WERE HERE!

NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER SEMINAR

The United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar is the first step in navigating your future to becoming one of our nation's next generation of leaders.

Summer Seminar introduces you to life at the Academy, where you will experience first-class academic, athletic, and professional training at one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the country.

If you are a junior in high school interested in pursuing an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, we invite you to apply to Summer Seminar.

Current 11th graders/rising 12th

June 3-8 | June 10-15 | June 18-23

Program Fee: $550

(Needs based scholarships available for selected applicants)

JANUARY
APPLICATION OPENS

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Summer Programs

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

SUMMER STEM

science - technology - engineering - math

The United States Naval Academy Summer STEM program is designed to encourage rising 9th-11th graders to pursue a course of study in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

For one week, campers will create, build, and explore in world-class lab facilities and experience real-life application and learning at one of the Top 5 "Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs" in the country, as ranked by U.S. News and World Report.

June 5 - 10: Current 8th graders/rising 9th
June 12 - 17: Current 9th graders/rising 10th
June 19 - 23: Current 10th graders/rising 11th

Program Fee: $800

(Needs based scholarships available for selected applicants)

JANUARY APPLICATION OPENS

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Advice for Maryland Candidates

1. Familiarize yourself with USNA and its admissions process: www.usna.edu/Admissions/

2. Introduce yourself to your Blue & Gold Officer (BGO)
   - Schedule a BGO interview over the summer
   - Provide BGO with a resume and your transcript
   - Use your BGO as a resource for all questions and admissions guidance

3. Complete the application early! (I recommend early September timeframe)
   - The application opens in May for the Class of 2028
   - The Admissions Board starts meeting in early September
   - Put yourself in position for a Letter of Assurance (LOA)

4. Work on your nomination applications in parallel with the USNA application
   - Apply for all nomination sources for which your eligible

5. Maximize SAT/ACT scores (725+ Math and 700+ Verbal is very competitive in Maryland)
   - Prep courses (Kaplan, Revolution Prep, school, CDs)
   - Try the ACT (most students perform significantly better on one test over the other)
   - Take exam multiple times (last SAT is December 2, 2023 / last ACT is December 9, 2023)
   - Aim to have competitive scores by September of your senior year

6. Ask your English and Math teachers now to write your LOR and submit during the summer.

Advice for Maryland Candidates

7. Have a third party review your essays (i.e., college consultant, English teacher/professor, etc.)
   - **Describe what led to your initial interest in the naval service and how the Naval Academy will help you achieve your long-range goals; and**
   - **Describe a personal experience you have had which you feel has contributed to your own character development and integrity**
   - **300 to 500 words to answer both essays**

8. Identify one or two other people who can submit a LOR (i.e., senior officer, government official, coach, employer, etc.)

9. Practice the CFA fitness test.
   - Take the official test in July/August
   - You can re-take the test to improve your score
   - Work on running over the summer. Aim for 3 miles at a 6:30 pace.
   - Also work on pull-ups, push-ups, crunches, basketball throw, and 40-yard shuttle run

10. Attend USNA Admissions briefing
    - 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Monday – Saturday)
    - Pre-recorded admissions briefing is available online
    - Introduce yourself to Maryland Admissions Counselor, Lieutenant Taylor Alvarez
      - Email: talvarez@usna.edu
      - Phone: (410) 293-1860

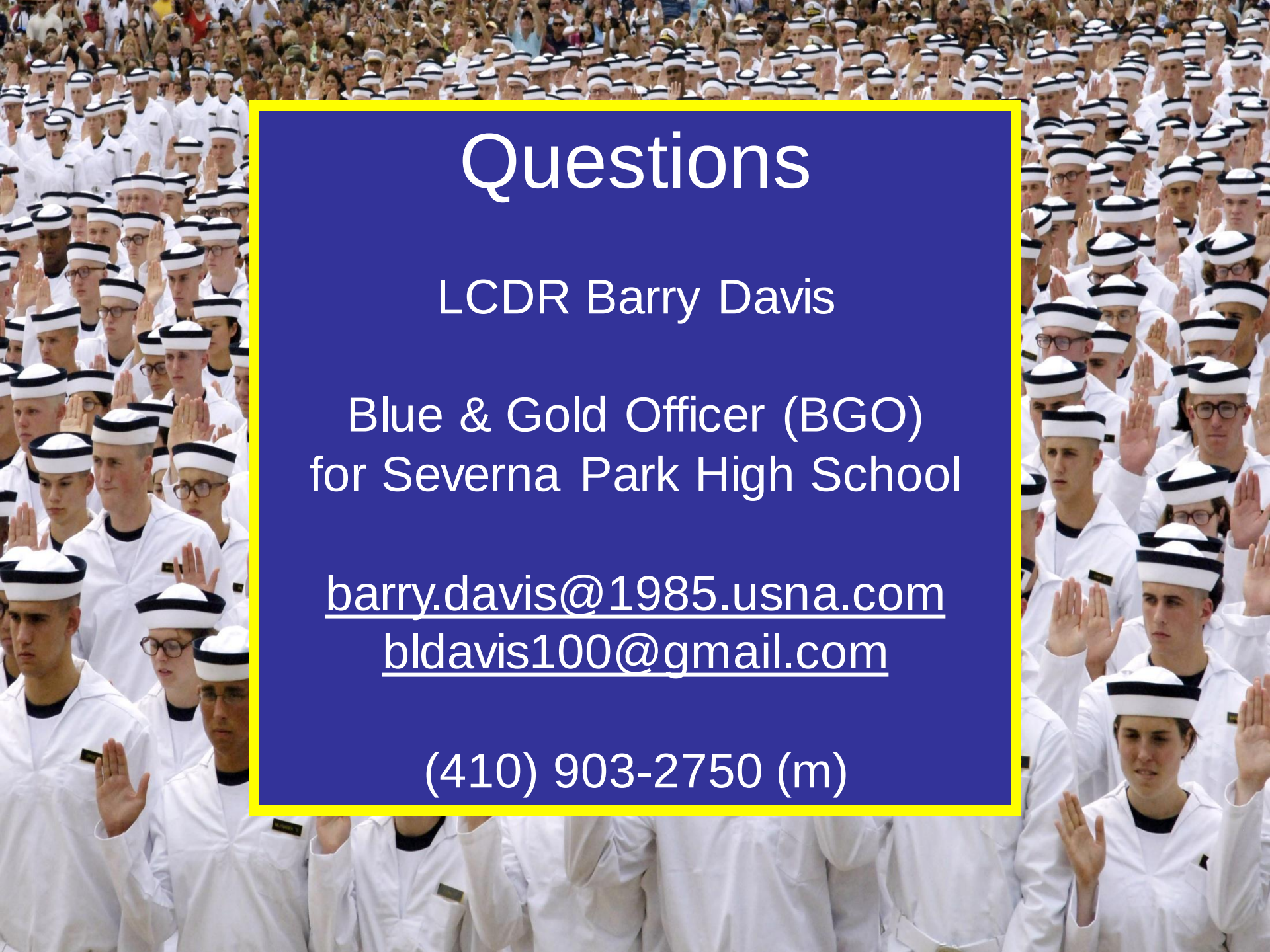
Advice for Maryland Candidates

11. Have a back-up plan
    - Navy or Marine ROTC scholarships
    - Other service academies

12. For juniors, apply for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) (deadline is 4/15/2023)

13. For underclassmen, apply for the Summer STEM program (deadline is 4/15/2023)

14. Attend a Candidate Visit Weekend (CVW) (for juniors & seniors – ask me for an invite)



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Academic Accolades

2022 College Rankings

U.S. Naval Academy

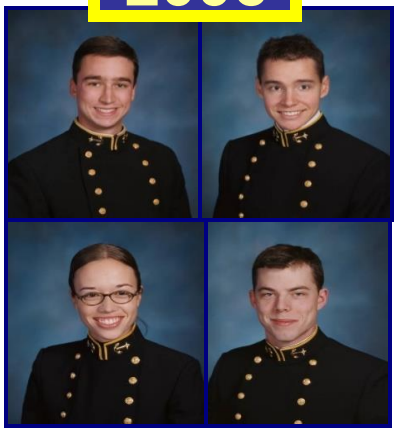
- #1 Public Liberal Arts School in the U.S.
- 17th Best Overall Liberal Arts School in the U.S.
  - Includes public and private schools
- 4th best Undergraduate Engineering program
- 2nd best Aerospace Engineering program
- 8th best Electrical Engineering program
- 9th best Mechanical Engineering program
- Median starting salary for USNA alum: $84,900
- Payscales #4 School with Highest Paid Grads
  - Early career pay - $80,100
  - Mid-career pay - $152,800
- Forbe's #6 School with Highest Paid Grads

20 Rhodes Scholars in the Last Twenty Years

(55 overall)

2005

2006



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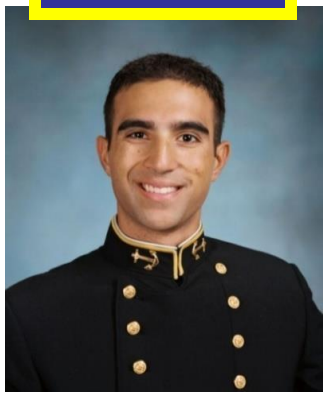

2008

2011

2013

2016

2017

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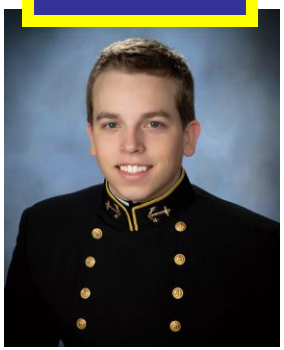

2019

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